

Decision of the International Jury No. 3

Protest from the Spanish team received by the Championship Director 8 Aug 2008 18:47

The original complaint and the protest were both received within the correct deadlines and the correct protest fee was included with the protest.

The jury took evidence from the Deputy Championship Director and the Spanish team leader.

The essence of the protest was that in task 2 three Spanish pilots, competition numbers 3, 205 and 301 were given a 20% penalty for landing outside the deck. They subsequently claimed that the deck was not sufficiently well marked for the pilots to know where the boundaries of the deck were, and complained against the penalty. The competition director considered that the four flags at the corners were adequate and refused the complaint.

Local regulations 2.1.4 state: *Unless otherwise briefed, penalties will be awarded to Pilots or any part of their PF's touching the ground anywhere outside the landing deck during a task.* The task sheet stated that these pilots should land back in the deck and this was repeated at the briefing. The deck was bigger than the size required in S10 and the local regulations.

The Jury finds that the four flags at each corner were of adequate size for any pilot to easily recognize where the centre of the deck was located, therefore if the pilot had chosen to land there, there would have been no risk the pilot or any part of their aircraft touching the ground anywhere outside of the deck.

Decision of the Jury

The International Jury can find no reason why the penalties imposed by the Championship Director on the three Spanish pilots, competition numbers 3, 205 and 301 should be changed.

The international Jury does NOT support the Spanish protest.

International Jury President.....

Jury Member

Jury member

Date and time