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Disciplinary Action - Appeal Ruling

Incident occurring on August 9th, 2008 at East Carolina Motor Speedway

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By this official letter, **Neil John Culley Jr.**, is hereby notified of the decisions regarding his appeal of the following violations of the code of conduct of the Rolling Thunder Modified Series

Violations

Violation of current probation

**Unsportsmanlike conduct and abusive language within sight of the grandstands & race fans
Threatening another competitor with bodily harm with tire jack in hand**

Per page 7, part #12 of the Rulebook states: *Appropriate behavior by all RTM participants at all events is required and expected. Drivers and team members are ambassadors of the sport and of the RTM series and are expected to carry themselves in a professional manner. Drivers are responsible and will be held accountable for the conduct and actions of their crews. Any unsportsmanlike conduct by drivers, owners, and or pit crews shall be grounds for disqualification and/or punitive action by the sanctioning body and will be enforced after a review by RTM officials on an appropriate course of action*

Statement of Incident

These violations were in regards to an incident that took place between Neil John Culley Jr. – Crew Chief of the #99 team, and Richard Hoylman – Crew Chief of the #42 team. Neil John Culley Jr. filed an official appeal on August 12th, 2008 in regards to punitive action taken stemming from the violations listed above.

Opinion

After careful review of all information provided to RTM officials through their own investigation and statements of RTM members and the persons in question and additional information provided as recent as today, also taking into consideration appeals listed by the men above it is the opinion of RTM officials that reduction in punitive actions are warranted. **Earlier precedents were set from on track & pit area incidents on April 26th, 2008. It is the opinion of RTM officials that this most recent incident is of less serious nature than the previous incidents on April 26th, 2008, and require less disciplinary action.** It should also be noted that formal apologies were given in these appeals. It is the opinion of RTM officials that the first course of action should have been restraint on behalf Neil John Culley Jr, as well as Richard Hoylman.

Appeals ruling

- 1) Neil John Culley Jr. will be suspended from competition for 1 race, the race scheduled for August 30th, 2008 at Coastal Plains Speedway. He is not to be on the property of Coastal Plains Speedway during his suspension period. He will be allowed to resume competition at the next scheduled RTM event after Coastal Plains
- 2) Neil John Culley Jr. will remain on probation for the rest of the 2008 season. **It is understood that suspension without delay will take place for the rest of the 2008 season for any additional violations of the RTM Code of Conduct**
- 3) Team #99 will forfeit 40 championship points, instead of the 100 points originally mandated in the first ruling
- 4) Neil John Culley Jr. will be fined \$300.00. This money will be donated to charity by him on behalf of all the Rolling Thunder Modified Teams. The charity will be the "Plaid 19" group. An organization dedicated to fighting autism.
- 5) The #99 team will be reinstated and no team suspension is warranted in regards to this incident

This decision is final and binding.