



Steward Decision

Circuit:	Oulton Park International	Event Date(s):	23 - 25 May 2026
Event Type:	Circuit Racing - Endurance Race	Event Status:	National Open Endurance
Race Title:	British GT Championship	Permit Number:	206110
From:	The Stewards	To:	Matt Topham
Issue Date:	23-05-2026	IssueTime:	14:53

The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director citing a Judge of Fact decision by the timekeeper, summoned and heard from the driver and team representative, have considered the following matter and determined the following:

No / Driver:	71 / Matt Topham (MSUK: 310207)
Session:	Pre-Qualifying
Time (Fact):	12:58
Fact:	Did not respect the Red Flags and reduce to 80 kph in a timely manner.
Offence:	BGT 2026 Sporting Regulations, Art. 42.1 - When the red signal is deployed all cars shall immediately reduce speed to 80 km/h.
Decision:	Fine
Fine:	£ 600 GBP

Reason:

The Stewards, together with the Team Representative and the Driver, reviewed front facing onboard footage from car #71. The Stewards find that on reviewing this footage, and in agreement with the Judge of Fact report, that driver of car #71 continued to accelerate, despite the in car marshalling system and the light board at Hilltop ahead showing red. The Stewards noted also that the in car marshalling system changed from a localised yellow signal to a red signal whilst the driver was going through the chicane at T7 / T8 / T9, and as a result the steering wheel and hand movement momentarily obscured the Driver's view of the system. The Stewards further noted that the red light displayed at the top of the hill between T9 and T10 when car #71 exited the chicane was initially obscured. However, once the car had completely exited the corner, the in car marshalling system became visible and the light panel came into sight. The driver continued to accelerate until the car had reached a point alongside the light panel, before the driver began to reduce speed and to 80km/h. In this instance the Stewards have reduced this fine down from the usual amount, having taken into account that the driver did ultimately respect the red flag but failed to do so in a timely manner, namely reducing speed as soon as the red signals became evident.

You are reminded of your right of appeal.

Alex Maunders

Steward (Chairperson)

Andy Holley

Steward

Peter Roberts

Steward