

**Zwift Performance Verification Board
Decision**



Case Number:	2021-01
Name:	Philipp Diegner

Event:	Zwift Racing League (Season 2) – Men’s Race #3 (rider provisional finish position: 39)
Date:	25 January 2021

Details:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Following the above event, Zwift’s automated systems identified that the dual-recorded data from the rider’s powermeter may have been edited and warranted more detailed investigation.2. Detailed analysis by Zwift of the rider’s data identified that the power values submitted were 2% higher than the originally recorded values.3. In parallel, Zwift developed a new method of analysing historic data files and performed forensic analysis of all files previously submitted by the rider. This analysis identified a further 4 occasions where there was evidence of the data having been edited – 3 races, and the “Three-Sisters” calibration test used to validate all the rider’s performances in Season 1 and Season 2 of the Zwift Racing League.4. Zwift discussed the issue with the rider, and although they initially denied editing the file, they eventually acknowledged that they had indeed changed their power data before submitting it to Zwift.

Decision:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Performance Verification Board consider that it is beyond reasonable doubt that the rider intentionally manipulated their data.• Pursuant to Appendix B of the Zwift Cycling Esports Rules and Regulations, the Board has therefore decided that a Tier 3 sanction (“Bringing the sport into disrepute” – “Fabrication or modification of any data”) shall be applied, and the rider shall receive a six month suspension from Zwift Cycling Esports events. This suspension shall be back-dated to the date of the race, and therefore run from 25 January 2021 to 24 July 2021 inclusive.• Additionally, the Board has decided that the rider shall be retrospectively disqualified from the results of all events in the Zwift Racing League Season 1 and Season 2.• The rider should note that as part of Zwift’s commitment to transparency around significant sanctions, this decision will be published on the Zwift website alongside the Esports Rules and Regulations. Whilst Zwift does not actively publicise individual sanctions beyond putting them on the website, the rider should be aware that it is likely that the media and/or wider racing community may view it, and therefore should expect increased public scrutiny of their performances and behaviour.

Signature:	A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'George Gilbert'.
Name:	Dr George Gilbert Chair, Zwift Cycling Esports Commission
Date:	22 February 2021