

## DECISION No: 31

From: The Stewards Date: 1st October 2023  
To: Team Speedcar / Robert CONSANI Time: 15:55 hrs

The Stewards, having received a report from the Technical Delegate, having summoned and heard from the competitors representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**No. / Driver:** 3 / Benjamin LARICHE & Robert CONSANI  
**Competitor:** Team Speedcar / Robert CONSANI  
**Session:** Race 2  
**Fact:** Mandatory Pitstop and Penalty Served relating to Stewards Decision 23  
**Regulation:** Article 11.9.2a of the FIA International Sporting Code  
**Decision:** **Stewards Decision 25 is rescinded and replaced with this decision to impose a 5-second time penalty to Car #3 to be applied to the elapsed race time.**  
**Reason:** The Stewards have received a report from the Technical Delegate relating to a conversation that occurred between the Competitor Representative of Car #3 and him during Race 2 relating to the penalty imposed in Stewards Decision 23, a 5-second time penalty to be served during the mandatory pitstop. An extract of the Technical Delegate's report is included below;

*During Race 2, car #3 received the following message on the timing screen: "Car 3 Stop & Hold 5 seconds at next pitstop" Very shortly before their pitstop, the team asked me if they could stop the car for 5 seconds and then hurry up in the pitstop to regain the 5 seconds lost. Considering the message on the screen, and without time to double check the regulations or call race control, my answer was yes, because it was not clear that this was a penalty to be served before pitstop time starts, as is usually the case. This was a mistake from my side. The team served its 5sec stop and hold at the beginning of the pitstop and didn't try to gain any other advantage, but they "included" this 5sec penalty in their usual pitstop time as per info they just got.*

In light of the above report The Stewards determine that Decision 25 imposed for a short pit-stop (10-second penalty plus the amount of time that the pitstop was short) is to be rescinded, and replaced with a 5-second time penalty to be added to the competitors elapsed race time.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code, within the applicable time limits.

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**Steve BURNS**  
Steward (Chairman)



**Wim COOLS**  
International Steward



**Enric ARRAZOLA**  
ASN Steward

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ELECTRONICALLY BY THE  
COMPETITOR**

Copy to: The Competitor  
The Race Director  
The Clerk of the Course  
The Secretary of the Meeting  
The Press Delegate