



4 HOURS OF  
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EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES  
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20 - 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

Decision No. 22

From: The Stewards

Date: 23 September 2023

To: TEAM VIRAGE

Time (decision): 19:12 h

**Description:** The Stewards, having received a report from the ELMS Race Director, and having considered the following matter, determine that a breach of the regulations has been committed by the competitor named below and impose the penalty referred to.

**N° / Competitor** 19 / TEAM VIRAGE  
**Driver:** Alexander Mattschull  
**Time (fact):** 15:10  
**Session:** LMP2 PRO/AM Qualifying Session.  
**Fact:** The car #19 unnecessarily impeding car #24 in T18.  
**Offence:** Art. 2 e) Chapter IV Appendix L of FIA International Sporting Code.  
**Decision:** Drop of 3 grid positions on the Starting Grid of the first Race in which the driver aforementioned will participate.

**Reason:**

The Stewards heard from the driver of Car #19, the driver of Car #24, team representatives and reviewed the video evidence.

The driver of the starting #19 slowed down significantly in the racing line before entering the T18. The incoming driver of the starting #24 had to brake hard and went off the track to the curbs on the left side and overtake the driver #19.

The driver of the starting #19 explained that he had been instructed to pit and therefore slowed down and impeded the incoming driver, he apologised for this action.

The driver of start #24 confirmed that he had been approaching the corner at a normal speed, the significant slowdown forced him to avoid the collision and went off the track.

The Stewards decided to impose a penalty of 3 places on the grid for driver car #19.

Competitors are reminded that, in accordance with Art 12.3.4 of the FIA International Sporting Code the above penalty is not subject to appeal



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