



# 4 HOURS OF BARCELONA



## EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES 4 Hours of Barcelona 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025

### Decision no. 12

**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** UNITED AUTOSPORTS

**Date:** 5 April 2025  
**Time:** 12:11

The Stewards, having received a report from the ELMS Race Director, having examined video evidence 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° / Driver:** 23 / Michael BIRCH  
**Competitor:** UNITED AUTOSPORTS  
**Session:** Free Practice 2  
**Time (fact):** 10:58:45  
**Fact:** The driver did not reduce speed under Full Course Yellow procedure within the required time.  
**Offence:** Breach of Article 14.5.1 of 2025 ELMS Sporting Regulations

**Decision:**  
10-seconds time penalty to be served during the race at this event plus 1 penalty point (balance of 7 for the 2025 season).

The 10-seconds time penalty to be suspended subject to no similar FCY breach being committed during the race by this driver.

**Reason:**  
Car 23 was still at 93.3m kph 5-seconds after FCY. Not reduced to 80 kph until 7.4 seconds after FCY. The normal penalty for this breach during Free Practice would be a 5-minutes Stop and Go but this is imposed too late for the penalty to be served during the session and the Stewards instead impose a 10-seconds time penalty for the race but suspend this subject to no similar FCY breach being committed during the race.

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

Michael Schwägerl  
Chairman of the Panel

Richard Norbury  
International Steward

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