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## **EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES** 4 Hours of Imola 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Decision no. 4

From: The Stewards Date: 4 July 2025 AF CORSE 13:59 To: Time:

The Stewards, having received a report from the ELMS Race Director, summoned and heard from the Competitors' Representative and the Drivers concerned, having examined video evidence, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

N° / Driver: 83 / Matthieu Vaxiviere

AF CORSE Competitor: Free Practice 1 Session: Time (fact): 11:26:47

Fact: Car 83 (Matthieu VAXIVIERE) caused a collision with Car 29 (Mathias BECHE) at T7.

Offence: Breach of Appendix L Chapter IV Article 2 d of International Sporting Code

Decision: Reprimand.

Reason: The Stewards heard from the drivers and Team Representatives and all parties viewed circuit cctv

and on-board video.

Car 83 approached turn 7 and sought to overtake car 29 by moving to the left and passing on the

inside (left side) of car 29. Both cars made contact and continued.

The Stewards noted the difference in speed between the cars and also that car 83 was almost alongside car 29 under braking, however car 83 failed to take the apex of the corner and moved slightly right. At the same time, car 29 sought to defend the corner and moved to the left.

The Stewards considered that as car 83 was attempting the overtaking manoeuvre, it was the driver's responsibility to slow the car sufficiently to enable the apex to be achieved. However, the Stewards noted the remark from the driver of car 29 that he turned to the left as a gesture to car 83 that he did not want him to pass at that point.

The Stewards found that the driver of car 83 was premoninanlty responsible for the collision as the driver was over optimistic in attempting to overtake at the turn under these circumstances.

The Stewards and the Driver Advisor noted their concern that such an incident had occurred during Free Practice, when more room and respect should have been shown by the drivers.

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.

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