

**EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES**  
**4 Hours of Le Castellet**  
**28<sup>th</sup> April - 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

**Decision no. 7**

**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** KESSEL RACING

**Date:** 1 May 2026  
**Time:** 15:22

The Stewards, having received a report from the ELMS Race Director, having checked video evidence determined a breach of the regulations has been committed by the competitor named below and impose the penalty referred to.

**N° / Driver:** 57 / Takeshi KIMURA

**Competitor:** KESSEL RACING

**Session:** Free Practice 1

**Time (fact):** 12:58:49

**Fact:** Car 99 made contact with car 57 at turn 11, causing both cars to spin and then rejoin.

**Offence:** Breach of Appendix L Chap. IV, art 2d) of International Sporting Code

**Decision:** Reprimand to 57 Takeshi Kimura and 99 PJ Hyett.

**Reason:** The Stewards summoned and heard from both team representatives and the drivers. All present reviewed CCTV video footage. The team representatives also showed in-car video footage from both cars.

The Stewards noted that at turn 10, car 57 left the track, rejoined and then turned into turn 11. Car 99, seeing car 57 off track, sought to pass car 57 at this point, entering turn 11 and made front to rear contact with car 57 at the apex of the corner. When interviewed, the driver of car 57 acknowledged that he had left the track but was not aware of a faster car approaching behind him before he turned into turn 11. The driver of Car 99, seeing across 57 off track, assumed that the driver would give room for 99 to pass, but had not slowed in anticipation of car 57 being unsighted.

The Stewards determine that both drivers were responsible for the incident and gave a reprimand to both drivers, together with feedback from the Driver Advisor regarding awareness in such situations.

According to Art. 12.3.4 of the FIA International Sporting Code and the article 7.4.6 of 2026 ELMS Sporting Regulations, this decision is not subject to appeal.



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