

EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES
4 Hours of Imola
30th June - 5th July 2026

Decision no. 14

From: The Stewards
To: PROTON COMPETITION

Date: 4 July 2026
Time: 17:13

The Stewards, having received a report from Race Director, having examined video evidence, summoned and heard the driver and Competitor's representative (Summons No 13), have considered the following matter and determine the following:

N° / Driver: 77 / Martin Berry
Competitor: PROTON COMPETITION
Session: LMGT3 Qualifying Session
Time (fact): 15:05:25
Fact: Car 77 (Martin BERRY) impeded car 74 (Andrew GILBERT) at T6 -T7.
Offence: Breach of Appendix L, Chapter IV, 2b) of FIA International Sporting Code
Decision: Drop of 2 grid places for the next race in which the driver of car 77 participates.
Reason: The Stewards summoned and heard the drivers and team representatives and together they examined video and data evidence.

Car 77 had just left the pits whilst car 74 was attempting a fast lap. The driver of car 77 stated that he was not aware, either from his mirrors or the onboard radar, that a faster car was approaching. The driver of car 74 flashed the headlights approaching Turn 4, however the driver of car 77 chose to continue on the racing line until after the exit of turn 6 before allowing car 74 to pass.

Whilst listening to the statement of the driver of car 77 that he thought it was the safest thing to do by staying on the racing line through this part of the track, the Stewards heeded the advice of the Driver Advisor that car 77 had the opportunity to let car 74 pass before Turn 5.

The Stewards determine that the driver of car 77 did impede car 74.

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 and Chapter 5 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits (both documents can be found at <https://www.fia.com>).



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