

2023 BUDAPEST EVENT

20 to 23 July 2023

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To	The Team Manager, ART Grand Prix	Date	22 July 2023
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 9 - Nikola Tsolov

Competitor ART Grand Prix

Time 10:22

Session Race 1

Fact Car 9 (Tsolov) collided with Car 23 (Marti) at Turn 1.

Infringement Breach of Appendix L, Chapter IV article 2 d) of the FIA International Sporting Code.

Decision Five seconds (5) time penalty for Car 9. As Car 9 was not classified, the penalty is converted to a drop of 3 places on the grid for the next race in which the driver participates. In addition, 2 penalty points to be added to the drivers' record. Total for the 2023 season = 4 points.

Reason The Stewards examined video evidence and heard from the drivers and team representatives (documents 30 & 31).
The driver of Car 9 explained that he was struggling with his tyres while he was trying to defend this position. He admitted that he tried to keep his line, but he couldn't stop the car on time, locked his tyres and hit Car 23.
The on-board camera of Car 23 showed that he was in front of Car 9 at the apex of Turn 1, and that he turned slightly the steering wheel to the right to prepare the overtaking manoeuvre of the next Car in front. The driver of Car 23 explained that he knew his tyres were in better condition and he was able to keep a tighter line than Car 9 whom he was passing.
Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determined that despite Car 9 was not wholly to blame for the incident he was predominantly at fault.
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 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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