

## 2023 MELBOURNE EVENT

30 March to 2 April 2023

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<b>To</b>	The Team Manager, ART Grand Prix	<b>Date</b>	31 March 2023
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Technical Delegate, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**No / Driver** 8 - Gregoire Saucy

**Competitor** ART Grand Prix

**Time** 14:29

**Session** Qualifying

**Fact** Wheels removed from Car 8 during the session and which were not refitted to the car during the session were worked on.

**Offence** Breach of Article 24.6 of the FIA Formula 3 Sporting Regulations - working on the wheels under parc ferme conditions

**Decision** Fine of 2,500 Euros to the Team of which 2,000 Euros is suspended until 31 December 2023 provided the Team commits no further breach of any parc ferme rule before that date.

**Reason** The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned and heard from the Team Manager of Car 7 (Frederick), Car 8 (Saucy) and Car 9 (Tsolov) (documents 13, 14, 15). The Stewards determined that during the session Cars 7, 8 and 9 progressively entered the pit lane and had work performed on them - Car 8 first, followed by Car 9 and then Car 7. At one point all 3 Cars were lined up adjacent to each other with tyre trolleys behind them and video evidence showed Team mechanics removing wheels from the cars and fitting new wheels. The video evidence clearly showed 2 wheels removed from Car 8 being carried to the rear of Car 8 and placed on the ground in front of a tyre trolley. Wheels which had been removed from Car 9 or Car 7 were carried and placed on another trolley. It was not possible to definitively identify from the video evidence whether those wheels were removed from Car 9 or Car 7. After Cars 7, 8 and 9 left the pit lane, one Team mechanic was seen to clean the 2 wheels removed from Car 8 using a rag. Another Team mechanic was seen to lift 2 wheels off the trolley behind Car 9 and cleaned them but the video evidence did not definitively show if these were the same wheels removed from Car 9 or Car 7 and lifted onto the trolley or other wheels which were on the same trolley. The Team Manager was unable to identify the mechanics seen in the video to assign them to any particular Car.

Article 24.6 of the 2023 FIA Formula 3 Sporting Regulations deems wheels removed from a car during qualifying practice or a race to be in parc ferme and that no work can be performed on them (with the exception of pressure checks) unless the wheels are used a second time during the same qualifying session or race. The video evidence showed that the 2 wheels removed from Car 8 and seen to have been cleaned were not refitted to Car 8 in the session.

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.

**Andrew Mallalieu**

**Mazen Al-Hilli**

**Matthew Selley**

**The Stewards**