

## 2023 MONZA EVENT

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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** 24 - Christian Mansell

**Competitor** Campos Racing

**Time** 15:41

**Session** Qualifying

**Fact** A mechanic for Car 24 (Mansell) touched the car briefly and assisted the driver to select a gear whilst under parc ferme conditions.

**Infringement** Alleged breach of Article 2.5.5 of the FIA International Sporting Code.

**Decision** No further action

**Reason** The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned and heard the driver and team representative (document 42).

The Technical Delegate provided information regarding the matter. After the end of the session in the pit lane when the cars were under parc ferme regulations a mechanic for Car 24 briefly touched an area at the back of the drivetrain in what appeared to be the gearbox area. At the hearing the driver and team representative explained that sometimes the gearbox can be stuck in a way that the driver is unable to select first gear. This can happen when the dog mechanism is locked. In order to release the lock and allow the driver to select first gear the car can be rocked back and forth or the selector lever mechanism on the gearbox can be shifted slightly manually. This is what the mechanic did.

Considering that the car had stopped during the session and was expecting to restart under green flag conditions the Stewards accepted that the driver needed assistance in order to select the gear so as to return to the parc ferme area in the F3 paddock.

In communicating the decision, the Stewards made it clear that this is a highly unusual situation and had the session finished in a normal way it is most likely that the standard penalty for a parc ferme violation would have been applied.

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**

**Matt Selley**

**Alice Scutellà**

**The Stewards**