

## 2023 SAKHIR EVENT

2 to 5 March 2023

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<b>From</b>	The Stewards	<b>Document</b>	35
<b>To</b>	The Team Manager, ART Grand Prix	<b>Date</b>	03 March 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** 16:30

**Session** Qualifying

**Fact** Car 9 entered the support race pit lane prior to receiving the chequered flag in contravention of Race Director notes reference 25.2

**Offence** Breach of Article 12.2.1.i of the FIA International Sporting Code - failure to follow the instructions of an Official.

**Decision** Reprimand

**Reason** The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned (documents 24, 25, and 26) and heard the drivers of Car 7, Car 8 and Car 9 and the team representative in one hearing by agreement. The driver of Car 8 explained that prior to the session the team had agreed a strategy to complete the session with 3 laps and to time it to finish after the chequered flag was issued. All 3 drivers agreed this was the strategy. The driver of Car 8 was leading the group of 3 and when he finished his last lap he was uncertain as to whether he had taken the chequered flag but he assumed he had as that was the plan. In fact he had completed the lap approximately 20 seconds before the end of the session.

All 3 cars entered the support pit lane and none of them had received the chequered flag. They proceeded directly to parc ferme where they were received under the control of the officials. Having considered the matter extensively the Stewards decided to issue a reprimand to the driver of Car 9 and cautioned to carefully read and follow the Race Director Notes which are critical to the safe and orderly conduct of the meeting.

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.

## The Stewards