

## 2023 SPIELBERG EVENT

29 June to 2 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** 19 - Tommy Smith

**Competitor** Van Amersfoort Racing

**Time** 10:47

**Session** Practice

**Fact** Car 19 (Smith) exceeded track limits 5 times during the session.

**Infringement** Breach of Appendix L, Chapter IV, Article 2 (c) and Article 2 (d) of the FIA International Sporting Code.

**Decision** Reprimand

**Reason** The Stewards examined data evidence. Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determine that Car 19 (Smith) repeatedly exceeded track limits during Practice. The Stewards acknowledge that Practice is the time for drivers to learn the track and explore what is possible to achieve. While deletion of lap times is the standard penalty for exceeding track limits, when it occurs at a high frequency it constitutes the repetition of mistakes. In extreme cases the apparent lack of control can raise doubts about a driver's fitness to race. While a reprimand is appropriate within the confines of Practice, the drivers are reminded that within the context of Qualifying similar mistakes could lead to increased penalties such as, but not limited to, drop of grid positions or even disqualification from further participation in the Event depending on the magnitude of the violations.

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.

**Steve Pence**

**Natalie Corsmit**

**Eva Maria Gruber**

**The Stewards**