

## 2023 BARCELONA EVENT

1 to 4 June 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** 14 - Sebastian Montoya

**Competitor** Hitech Pulse-Eight

**Time** 10:57

**Session** Race 1

**Fact** Car 14 (Montoya) left the track at turn 1 on Lap 15 and did not stay to the left of the bollards at the end of the escape road prior to re-joining at Turn 3.

**Infringement** Breach of Article 12.2.1.i of the FIA International Sporting Code - failure to follow the Race Director instructions in the F3 Race Director Event Notes - section 17.2 and Article 27.3 of the 2023 FIA F3 Sporting Regulations.

**Decision** Five seconds (5) time penalty in accordance with article 39.3 (a) of the FIA F3 Sporting Regulations. In addition, 2 penalty points are to be added to the driver's record. Total for the 2023 season = 4 points.

**Reason** The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned (Documents 31 & 32) the drivers of Cars 1 and 14 and the team representatives.

Car 14 (Montoya) was attempting to overtake Car 1 (Aron) on the outside at Turn 1. The Cars were directly alongside at the apex of the turn and minor contact occurred between the front left tyre of Car 1 and the front right tyre of Car 14. The contact caused Car 14 to leave the track. The Stewards were satisfied that no driver was wholly or predominantly to blame for that collision.

After leaving the track on the outside of Turn 1, Car 14 drove through the gravel trap and re-joined the track between Turns 2 and 3 at speed ahead of Car 1. The Race Director's Instructions required any Car which left the track at Turn 1 or 2 to use the escape road and pass to the left of the bollard at the exit of that road before re-joining the track at Turn 3. The driver of Car 14 explained that as a result of the contact with Car 1 he lost control of his steering wheel and as a consequence had no ability to get his Car to the left of the bollard at the end of the escape road.

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determined that the driver of Car 14 made no genuine attempt reasonably open to him in the circumstances to get his Car to the left of the bollard. Car 14 re-joined the circuit at speed and in the Stewards' determination, in an unsafe manner.

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.

Decisions of the Stewards are taken independently of the FIA and are based solely on the relevant regulations, guidelines and evidence presented.

**Andrew Mallalieu**

**Matthew Selley**

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**The Stewards**