

2020 SILVERSTONE EVENT

30 July to 2 August 2020

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To	The Team Manager, ART Grand Prix	Date	02 August 2020
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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 8 - Alexander Smolyar

Competitor ART Grand Prix

Time 09:22

Session Race 2

Fact Car 8 made abnormal changes of direction between Turns 14 & 15.

Offence Breach of Appendix L Chapter IV, Article 2 (b) of the FIA International Sporting Code

Decision A 5 second time penalty to be added to the total race time for Race 2. In addition, 2 penalty points to be added to the driver record. Total points for 2020 season = 2 points.

Reason The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned and heard the drivers and team representatives (Document 51 & 52).

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determined that Car 8 for several laps up to and including Lap 16 moved off line to the left in a potential blocking manoeuvre after exiting Turn 14. He then moved right, back to the racing line and followed that line back to the left to the entrance of Turn 15. Those manoeuvres do not necessarily violate the changes of direction allowed for defending under the regulations. However, the Stewards judge that because of the nature of the "tow" between cars on the straight between Turn 14 and Turn 15, the described manoeuvres do violate the prohibition against manoeuvres liable to hinder other drivers described in the regulations. The driver of Car 8 admitted to those manoeuvres from early in the race, in order to break the "tow", but stated that he felt that they must be okay because the Race Director did not show him the black and white flag. The Stewards categorically reject that logic. Drivers are expected to both know and drive to the regulations. Additionally, the team admitted to telling the driver on the radio more than once to stop the manoeuvres, although it is not clear that the driver heard those directions.

The Stewards note that although the manoeuvres of Car 8 are considered improper, as previously noted the manoeuvres of the following cars, which followed Car 8, are not considered improper as they were done to follow the leader and retain the "tow" and not to hinder the following cars.

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 Article 10.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits

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