
From: The Stewards
To: Competitor's Representative – No. 34 – Conquest Racing
Re: Protest GT4-P-01

Stewards Decision No: GT4-19
Date: 30 April 2023
Time: 16:00

Protest lodged by Conquest Racing / JMF Motorsport against the results of GT4 America Race 1
Stewards Decision: The Protest is founded.

Procedure

1. On April 30, 2023, following the publication of the Provisional Classification for the NOLA Motorsport Park Event, Conquest Racing lodged a protest against the results of Race 2, alleging that the results displayed on the timing monitors indicated Car #34 was the Race winner despite the fact that the provisional results indicated the #51 car was the winner.
2. The Stewards first convened to determine the admissibility, or otherwise, of the Protest.

Admissibility

3. It was noted that the Protest was lodged in time.

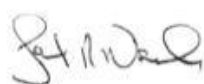
Details

4. Eric Bachelart presented himself in the Timing Room to discuss the results of GT4 Americas Race 2.
5. He presented his case that the timing monitors indicated Car #34 was presented in first place on the monitors and was the rightful winner of the Race.
6. Representative from SRO provided information regarding how the provisional results were calculated, indicating that it was what is known as a "photo finish" and describing in detail that the physical timing transponders which are used are located in different locations on the different model cars, which have different dimensions, and therefore the only accurate way to determine the finishing position is to view the video and photo evidence to determine the finishing order.
7. Mr. Bachelart was unhappy with the decision and left the Timing Room.
8. Representatives from Conquest Racing then presented a written protest document to the Stewards which was received by the Stewards at 12:53.

Conclusions of the Stewards

1. The Stewards recognize the concern of Conquest Racing regarding the finish results of GT4 America Race 2 and are aware the basis for the protest is the results listed on the timing monitors.
2. Notwithstanding the above, Article 3.9 of the GT4 America Sporting Regulations are clear – Results remain provisional until all sporting matters and technical scrutineering are completed, including the review of any video footage when applicable.
3. The Stewards reviewed the timing reports and video available.
4. Having considered the evidence provided, the Stewards determine that the Protest is denied, and the Protest Fee collected.
5. The Stewards decide the process used to determine the finishing order was correct.

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.



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