

RACE 4 & 5: ASIAN LE MANS SERIES – ABU DHABI, UAE
09-11 FEBRUARY 2024

From : The Panel of Stewards
To : All Competitors

Decision No. 56

Title: Decision – AF Corse Protest
Enclosed: Protest from AF Corse
Submitted on 10 February 2024 at 19:15
(see attached)

The Stewards, having received the Protest from AF Corse held a hearing on 10 February 2024 at 20:45 with the following persons present:

For AF Corse:
Team Manager – Francesco Gromeneda
Sporting Director – Mauricio Pinheiro

For Crowdstrike Racing By APR:
Team Manager – Samantha Cox
Team Principal – Stewart Cox

The claims of AF Corse:
Car no. 4 of Crowdstrike Racing By APR did not respect Art. 14.6.5 of Sporting Regulations of Asian Le Mans Series 2023-2024. They stated that Car no. 4 entered the pitlane when it was closed. They added that the pitlane should be closed according to the abovementioned Article of the Regulations relating to how many laps were needed to be done behind the Safety Car.

The defence of Crowdstrike Racing By APR:
They explained that Malthe Jakobsen, the Driver of Car no. 4 at that time of the alleged infringement, drove into the pitlane because the pit entry closed light was off. Stewart Cox confirmed that he instructed the Driver to enter the pitlane as soon as the pit entry closed light was off.

The comments from the Race Director:
The Race Director confirmed that the pit entry closed light was off when Car #4 entered the pits. He also stated that the pit entry closed light was turned off by the operator without his instruction.

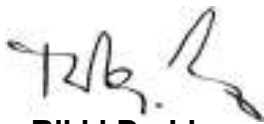
Conclusion of the Stewards:
The Stewards consider that the protest as admissible.

Having considered the various statements from the representatives of AF Corse and CrowdStrike Racing By APR as well as that of the Race Director and reviewing the available circuit CCTV footage, the Stewards decided that Car no. 4 was not at fault as he followed what he saw at that time, i.e. the pit entry closed light was off.

Accordingly, the Protest is dismissed. However, the Stewards took into consideration the mistake made by the pit entry closed light operator and decided to refund the Protest Deposit.

The Competitor is reminded of their right to appeal the decisions of the Stewards (with the exception of those referred to in Art. 12.3.4 of the FIA ISC and Art. 16.2 of the Asian Le Mans Series Sporting Regulations), in accordance with Art.15 of the FIA ISC and Article 9.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limit

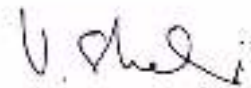
The Panel of Stewards:



Rikki Dy-Liacco
Chairman of the Stewards



Tony Tan
International Steward



Violeta Shehi
National Steward

Date: 10 February 2024

Time: 22:42

