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To:	Competitor Car **No.44 REIS SULIMAN** Crew: **Reis SULIMAN/ Lorcan MOORE**		
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PROTEST lodged by

The Competitor of car No. **44** (Crew **Reis SULIMAN/ Lorcan MOORE**)

Against
The Notification of the Clerk of the Course No. 4.

Procedure:

1. On Sunday, October 25th, 2026, the Clerk of the Course received at 18.09 hrs an email/protest lodged by the Competitor of car No. 44.

2. Competitor Car No. 44 protested Notification No. 4

3. The protester (represented by Mr Traian Pavel) was summoned and heard.

4. The FIA Sporting Delegate, Mr Miikka Anttila, and the Clerk of the Course, Mr Ricardo Coelho, were invited to attend the hearing.

The hearing was held on Sunday, October 25th, 2026, at 18:35 in the Stewards' Room, with all the Stewards present.

5. No objections were raised against the composition of the Stewards panel.
6. At the hearing, the protester referred to the documents previously submitted. None of the parties submitted further evidence, nor initiated the hearing of additional persons, nor asked to conduct further investigations.

On the Admissibility:

7. The Stewards examined the admissibility of the protest:

   7.1 The protest was considered to be lodged in due time, in accordance with Art. 13.3 of the FIA 2026 International Sporting Code.

   7.2 A single competitor protested.

   7.3 The subject of the protest was against the Notification No. 4 of the Clerk of the Course (this essentially corresponds to the content of the protest against the provisional classification, as the content of the notification is directly reflected in the provisional classification based on the CoC notification).

7.4 The protest was not accompanied by the protest deposit of €1000, as stipulated in Art. 13.4.2 of the FIA 2026 International Sporting Code, Art. 65.2 of the FIA 2026 Regional Rallies Sporting Regulations and in Art. 15.2 of the event Supplementary Regulations (the Stewards were not provided with proof that the protester made the bank transfer).

7.5 The protest is addressed not to the chair of the panel of stewards (FIA 2026 ISC Art. 13.5.1).

7.6 Although the protest has been submitted in writing (by email), it does not meet the requirement outlined in FIA 2026 ISC Art. 13.4.1 (it does not clearly state the grounds on which the protester is challenging the aforementioned Notification No. 4, nor does it cite the relevant regulations)

Decision:

The protest is inadmissible.

Hearing on the admissibility:

The protester was asked to explain his position on admissibility.

He explained that even if there is some uncertainty as to whether a protest complies with the ISC's requirements, this should be clear in any case.

But he was unable to explain why, within the specified time limit for the proper submission of the protest, he failed to provide adequate confirmation that the protest deposit had in fact been paid by the protester.

After the hearing, the Stewards took the following decision after due deliberation.

Decision:

1. **The protest is inadmissible.**
2. **The protest deposit is not to be returned to Competitor No. 44 (However, before the start of the hearing on the admissibility of the protest, no evidence had been submitted to the Stewards to show that the protest deposit had in fact been paid. Moreover, no evidence had been submitted to show that it was the protester who had paid the deposit).**

Reason:

Since the protest does not meet the requirements set in the FIA 2026 ISC Art. 13.5.1 (it is addressed not to the correct person) and FIA 2026 ISC Art. 13.4.1 (it does not cite the relevant regulations). And its entire content casts doubt on whether the protester truly understands the protest's purpose.

The protest does not comply with the requirements laid down in Art. 13.4.2 of the FIA 2026 International Sporting Code, Art. 65.2 of the FIA 2026 Regional Rallies Sporting Regulations and in Art. 15.2 of the event Supplementary Regulations. Prior to the start of the hearing on the admissibility of the protest, no evidence had been submitted to the Stewards to show that the protest deposit had in fact been paid. Moreover, no evidence had been submitted to show that it was the protester who had paid the deposit.

The Stewards' decision was made in accordance with the FIA 2026 International Sporting Code Art. 11.7.1.a, Art. 11.7.3, Art. 11.7.3.a

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA 2026 International Sporting Code and Chapter 5 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

Arnas PALIUKENAS
Chair of the Panel of the Stewards

Magdalena LEWANDOWSKA
FIA Steward

Paulo LAGINHA
ASN Steward

This decision was notified to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as follows:

Name (in block letters):	TRAIAN PAVEL	*Date:*	**25.10.2026**
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