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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 5**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: Competitor car **No 229** Name: **OVERDRIVE RACING**  
Crew: **Lionel BAUD / Lucie BAUD**

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The Stewards, having received a request from the Competitor Representative of Car No 229, having heard the Driver and the Competitor Representative (Mr. Uwe SCHMIDT), having examined the different elements presented (data from ERTF, video evidence), having considered the matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** The crew, in order to assist/protect the injured person, stopped at the scene, and also informed official persons at the Selective Section start about the incident.

**Decision:** **To deduct the time of 8 minutes from the total Selective Section time (SS1) for Competitor No 229.**

**Reason:** The competitor first approached the CoC with a request for time compensation, based on Art. 46 of the FIA 2024 CCRSR. However, since the CoC is given the right only to apply the rules, but not to assess the facts or interpret them, it was decided to forward this request to the stewards.

Representatives of the competitor explained that on the video it can be seen that the spectator was standing behind an easy crest and not visible for the driver. Being the speed very high at this moment, it was impossible for the Driver to avoid hitting the spectator.

With this video evidence, the Competitor cannot be considered as responsible, as responsible means: *"being the primary cause of something and so able to be blamed or credited for it"*.

In the opinion of the Stewards, there is no reason to consider that in this case the driver is to blame for the accident. No evidence has been provided to support the contrary. Therefore, his behavior to assist/protect the injured person can not become the cause of an inferior sporting result.

The greatest value is human life and health. No pursuit of a sporting result can justify behavior in which the pursuit of a result is valued above human health and life.

The Stewards decide that in this case there are grounds for compensating for the time spent by the crew in order to assist/protect the injured person until professionals arrive at the scene and are able to provide assistance.

The decision is based on the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1.

Competitors are reminded of their 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.



**Arnas PALIUKENAS**  
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