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The Stewards, have received a report from the Clerk of the Course, seen the video evidence, summoned and heard Team representative Mr. Miroslav HOUST, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: Car No 20 created an obstacle in the passage of the next crew (No 22). This was done at a time when crew No 20 returned to the track after they had left the road for a while.

Offence: Breach of Art. 34.1.1 of the 2023 FIA RRSR, Art. 12.2.1.I of the 2023 FIA ISC

Decision: **30-seconds time penalty on Competitor Car No 20 to be added on his time recorded on SS5**

Reason: During the investigation, the Stewards have found that the Crew No 20 went off-road on SS 5, was trying to rejoin the course, made it just before the Car No 22 and formed an obstacle for the crew No 22.

During the hearing, the Team manager Mr. Miroslav HOUST explained that he believes that the behaviour of the driver was adequate, the crew members were busy returning to the track after they off the track, all their thoughts were about how to lose less time in connection with their off-road. They should not have let the next crew pass, despite the fact that they, when returning to the track, drove right in front of Car No 22 and thereby created an impediment to their pace. In his opinion, the next crew lost only about 5 seconds and it's not a big loss.

The Stewards believe that if a crew loses time as a result of their own error or incident, whether it's going off the track or otherwise, they cannot gain an advantage by deliberately impeding the pace of other cars.

Every crew who stopped because he had an accident or for other reasons (need to change the wheel, etc.) may not be unaware that not only he alone is on the track. It is clear that a sporting (as best as possible) result is sought by all crews. And the loss of time through one's own fault (whether it is a breakdown, or an accident, etc.) is an understandable thing. However, the loss of time due to the fault of the crew itself does not constitute grounds for preventing other crews from achieving the best possible sporting result. Opposite behavior cannot be tolerated, since it is contrary to the principles of sport.

According to the FIA RRSR 2023 Art. 34.1.1, Crews must always behave in a sporting manner. After deliberation, Stewards concluded that they recognize in this case a breach of the regulations.

In view of the nature of the infringement committed, it is appropriate to impose a time penalty to be add on time recorded on SS5.

Based on all the above, the Stewards decided to impose a time penalty of 30 seconds.

The decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, art.11.9.2.a, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, 11.9.3.I, 11.9.3.x, 12.4.1.h.

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.



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