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To:	Competitor: No 402 Name: SOUTH RACING CAN-AM Crew: MITCHEL VAN DEN BRINK / BART VAN HEUN	
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PROTEST lodged by

The Competitor of car No. **402 SOUTH RACING CAN-AM** (Crew **MITCHEL VAN DEN BRINK / BART VAN HEUN**)

Against

Provisional Classification of Italian Baja 2025.

Procedure:

1. On Sunday July, 06th 2025, the Clerk of the Course received at 00.25 hrs a protest lodged by the Competitor of car No. 402 addressed to the Chairperson of the Stewards of ITALIAN BAJA 2025.
2. Competitor #402 asked to neutralise SS4B to ensure that Article 57.1 and fair sporting competition is upheld for the event.
3. Protester (was represented by Mr. Scott Abraham, Mrs. Ana Salbany and Mr. Riccardo Pastorino), the Clerk of the Course and Mr. César Cabreira (representative of ANUBE, supplier of the tracking system) were summoned and heard.

The hearing was held on Sunday 06th of July 2025 at 00:45 in the Stewards' Room with all the Stewards present.

4. No objections were raised against the composition of the Stewards panel.
5. 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 or asked to conduct further investigations.

On the Admissibility:

6. The Stewards examined the admissibility of the protest:
 - 6.1 The protest was considered to be lodged in due time, in accordance with Art. 13.3 of the FIA 2025 International Sporting Code.
 - 6.2 The protest was lodged by a single competitor.
 - 6.3 The subject of the protest was against Italian Baja 2025 for Provisional Classification of the Event
 - 6.4 The protest was properly accompanied by the protest deposit of € 1000, as stipulated in Art. 13.4.2 of the FIA 2025 International Sporting Code, Art. 60.2.1 of the 2025 FIA CCRSR and in Art. 14.2 of the event Supplementary Regulations.

Decision:

The protest is admissible.

Hearing of the Parties:

The protester was asked to explain his protest and essentially repeated what was stated in the protest.

CoC disagreed with the assessment provided by the protester. He explained the reasons why it was necessary to compensate the crews who were detained in the neutralisation zone by officials due to the provision of emergency medical assistance and how this time compensation was made.

Additional explanations were provided by Mr. César Cabreira.

After the hearing was closed by the Chairperson at 01h15, the Stewards took the following decision after due deliberation.

Decision:

- 1. The protest is admissible.**
- 2. The protest is rejected.**
- 3. No further action against the Provisional Classification established at the end of the Competition.**
- 4. The protest deposit not to be returned to Competitor N° 402.**

Reason:

The Stewards received the protest against the Provisional Classification of Italian Baja 2025.

It is doubtful whether the protester, when submitting the protest, fully understood the requirement set forth in Article 13.4.1 of the FIA 2025 ISC that the protest must specify the relevant regulations.

The protester referred to two articles of the FIA 2025 CCRSR: Art. 57 and Art. 58. However, during the hearing, he was unable to substantiate what evidence, in his opinion, supported his claim that the aforementioned articles had been violated. Specifically, evidence. Not doubts, but evidence.

The resolution part of the protest requests *deem the protest admissible, uphold the protest, amend the classification, neutralise SSB4 to ensure that Article 57.1 and fair competition is upheld for the event.*

However, during the hearing, he was unable to provide specific evidence or data to prove that the articles referred to in his protest had been violated. Only doubts were raised as to whether the time spent by the protester's crew No. 402 in the neutralisation zone could be considered fair in a sporting sense, when compared to other crews who were compensated for time lost on the basis of the CoC Notification because they were detained in the neutralisation zone by official persons due to the need to provide urgent medical assistance to a local resident.

However, such doubts (that the crews who were compensated for time could have gained some advantage) are refuted by the fact that only minutes were compensated, not seconds. Therefore, there is no basis for claiming that the protest crew, which spent not exactly 15 minutes but an extra seconds in the neutralization zone, could question the fairness of the results.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA 2025 International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Arnas PALIUKENAS
Chair of the Panel of Stewards



Raymond JOHANSSON
FIA Steward



Paolo QUARANTA
ASN Steward

Received by: SCOTT ARZANIAN

Competitor: **SOUTH RACING CAN-AM**

Car No: **402**

Crew: **MITCHEL VAN DEN BRINK / BART VAN HEUN**

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