

## MICHELIN LE MANS CUP Spa - Francorchamps Round (BEL) 21 - 23 SEPTEMBER 2023

## **Decision No. 19**

From: The Stewards	Date:	24 September 2023
To: COOL RACING	Time (decision):	00::58 h

N° / Competitor	97 / COOL RACING
Session:	Race

**Description:** The Stewards received a protest from Competitor n°97 (COOL Racing) against Car n°23 (United Autosport) at 18:15 accompanied with a deposit of 700 euros.

The Competitor n°97 was first granted a hearing to introduce the grounds of his protest.

The Stewards summoned and heard both team representatives n°97 and n°23 concerned by the protest:

- For Competitor n°97, Mr Tom Olmos Team Manager and Mr Nicolas Lapierre Team Principal.

- For Competitor n° 23, Mr Charlie Kemp Team Manager and Mr Max Gregory Team Principal.

The Competitor N°97 protests the results of the race for car n. 23 in relation to the starting procedure of Car n°23: the Competitor n. 97 declared that Car n°23 had a mechanical failure on the starting grid and he was authorized to be pushed to the pitlane approximately 5 minutes before the cars left the grid. The competitor n. 97 then stated that car n. 23 rejoined the Race from the pitlane after all the cars have passed instead of waiting for the last car in the field to complete its first lap according to art 11.2.1 of 2023 MLMC Sporting Regulations. The competitor n. 97 alleged that by doing this, Car n°23 did not loose one lap and win the Race.

The Race Director confirms in his report n. 1 that Car n°23 was pushed in the pitlane because it was unable to start the formation lap and in accordance with Art 11.2.4 2023 MLMC Sporting Regulations and he instructed Car n°23 to rejoin the Race at his discretion.

The Stewards determined that the rules was respected in this specific case of assisted start and Art. 11.2.4 of 2023 MLMC Sporting Regulations correctly applied :

- Car n°23 was unable to start the formation lap
- The marshals were instructed to push Car n°23 into the pitlane by the Race director
- Car n°23 rejoined the Race upon the Race Director order when the green light was on at the end of the pitlane.

The Stewards decided :

1) The protest is considered admissible and complied with the requirements of the Art 13 of FIA ISC.

2) The protest is rejected and no part of the deposit is returned.

The Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with the Art.15 of the FIA International Sporting Code, within the applicable time limits.

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