

DECISION No: 17

From:	The Stewards	Date:	13 th May 2023
To:	Boutsen VDS	Time:	14:36 hrs

The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, having examined timekeeping GPS evidence, summoned and heard from the driver and the competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No. / Driver: 9 / Aurelien Panis

Competitor: Boutsen VDS

Time (fact): 13:43 hrs

Session: Pre-Qualifying

Fact: The driver did not comply with the Race Director's instructions to remain at 80 kph during a lap to return to the pitlane.

Offence: Breach of Article 12.2.1.i of the FIA International Sporting Code


Decision: **Reprimand**

Reason: Car 9 was at the pit lane exit while the session was under red flag and, when the remainder of the session was cancelled, was instructed to complete a slow lap at 80 kph to re-enter the pitlane. Timekeeping data shows that car 9 significantly exceeded 80 kph during the first part of the lap. Having heard from the driver and the competitor's representative, the Stewards accept that the driver did not initially receive the 80 kph instruction but slowed immediately when he did. The Stewards, noting that no flags were being shown but a red light was displayed on the driver's in-car light system, consider this to be a breach of the above regulations but accept the driver's explanation and impose only a Reprimand in this instance.

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


Greg MASTERS
Steward (Chairman)


Richard NORBURY
International Steward


Steve BURNS
ASN Steward

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ELECTRONICALLY BY THE
COMPETITOR**