



24 HEURES DU MANS 2017
FIA WORLD ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
2017 June 4th to 18th

From The Stewards of the Meeting **Decision N°58**
To The Competitor's Representative
N° 13

The Stewards, having received a report from the Technical Delegate and heard the Team Representative Bart Hayden, have considered the following matter, determine a breach of the regulations has been committed by the competitor named below and impose the penalty referred to.

No 13

Competitor Vaillante Rebellion

Time 2017.06.18, 18.45 hrs.

Facts Modifying a homologated part and using it partly during the race



Offence Art. 1.4.3 Specific Regulations 24h Le Mans, Art.3 Technical Regulations LMP2 Prototypes

Penalty
1. Disqualification from the Race
2. The other competitors move up
3, The competitor will lose the right to obtain any of the awards assigned to the completion
i.ac. with Art. 12.17 ISC

Reasons The Stewards received, following the race, a report from the Technical Delegate, and a video taken by the Technical Delegate's staff, and heard from the competitor's representative. The report and the video were shown to the competitor's representative.
The Stewards determined that the picture and the video clearly show a hole that has been fashioned by the competitor in the right-hand side of the engine cover. The competitor admitted that this was the case, and that the hole was made in a second set of bodywork, which was fitted during a pit stop so that the competitor could access the starter motor without having to remove the rear bodywork and wing section, and then remove the engine cover each time they stopped to hit the solenoid of the starter motor which was malfunctioning.
This modified bodywork was fitted following the decision of the Stewards to assess a Stop and Go, with the obligation to stop and restart the engine, following a stop when the car departed without stopping and restarting after the mechanics worked on the car. This was done in accordance with the 2017 Specific Regulations of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, Arts. 10.8.1.22 and 10.8.1.23. The video provided by the Technical Delegate shows the team's mechanics using this hole to access the starter motor, tap on the solenoid to reset it, and subsequently the car driving away. It is not clear whether the motor was turned off and restarted before the car departed, and therefore whether the team was in compliance with Art. 10.8.1.23 or not. However, the video does demonstrate the utility of the modification which was made to the homologated bodywork, and that the car left its pits to continue to race with the modified bodywork, which was not in compliance with the homologation.
The Stewards therefore determined that the Competitor's car deliberately took part in some part of the race with bodywork in violation of the homologation, there being no crash damage or other cause which may be in mitigation.

Art 1.4.3 of the Specific Regulations state that "The Competitors must ensure that their cars satisfy the conditions of eligibility, compliance with the technical regulations and safety throughout the Event."
This was not the case as the competitor deliberately modified the bodywork.
Art. 3 of the Technical Regulations for LMP2 cars states "No bodywork variation is permitted." The Stewards determined that this was a deliberate variation of the bodywork.
The Stewards therefore determined to disqualify the competitor from the race.

The competitor is reminded of his right of Appeal under and in compliance with Art. 4.11.2 of the Sporting Regulations, Art. 15 of the ISC, and the Judicial and Disciplinary Rules of the FIA

 Jean François Veroux Chairman	 Kazuo HIOKI Steward	 Michael SCHWAEGERL Steward	 Tim MAYER Steward	 Jean-Pierre BAUDRILLER Steward	 Yves BACQUELAINE Steward
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Date: 19 June 2017

Time: 13:35

Received by the Competitor:

Name: HAYDEN

Signature 

Time 14:28 Date 19 / 6 / 2017

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