

FIA World Endurance Championship
Round 7 - 6 Hours of Fuji
2025 September 25th - 28th

Decision no. 32

From: The Stewards
To: HEART OF RACING TEAM

Date: 28 September 2025
Time: 12:35

The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Race Director, 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.

N° / Driver: 27 / Ian JAMES
Competitor: HEART OF RACING TEAM
Session: Race
Time (fact): 11:00
Fact: Car 27 did not keep his position until he passed the start line.
Offence: Article 9.1.11 and Article 11.2.1 of FIA WEC Sporting Regulations
Decision: Drive Through


Reason:

After reviewing the video evidence, the Stewards determined that Car 27 failed to maintain its position until crossing the start line. Positioned just behind Car 95, which was on the front row on the left-hand side, Car 27 crossed the start line before the pole-sitting car. The Stewards determined that Car 27 followed Car 95 rather than respecting the pole-sitter's position, thereby failing to comply with the start procedure. Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards decided to impose a 10-second time penalty, to be served at the next pit stop, on Car 27.

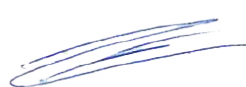
Competitors are reminded that, in accordance with Art. 12.3.4 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Art. 7.4.2 of 2025 WEC Sporting Regulations, this decision is not subject to appeal.



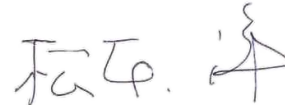
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