



2026

6 HOURS OF SÃO PAULO



FIA World Endurance Championship
Round 4 – 6 Hours of São Paulo
2026 July 9th - 12th

Decision no. 16

From: The Stewards
To: TOYOTA RACING

Date: 11 July 2026
Time: 16:27

The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, having checked the video evidence, having summoned Drivers and Team Managers, have considered the following matter :

N° / Driver: 7 / Kamui KOBAYASHI
Competitor: TOYOTA RACING
Session: Hypercar Qualifying session
Time (fact): 15:20
Fact: Impeding car 19 during a fast lap in Qualifying session
Offence: Breach of App.L, chap.IV, 2b) of International Sporting Code
Decision: Drop of 3 grid positions for the race.

Reason:

After all present reviewed the video evidence, the Stewards determined that Car 19 was impeded by Car 7.

During the hearing, the driver of Car 7 explained that he had not received any information from the Team and that, due to the nature of the approach to the corner, he was unable to see that Car 19 was behind him until he was already committed to the corner. Whilst noting the comment of the driver, the Stewards determined that Car 7 could and should have kept to the extreme right of the track on the exit of the corner, instead of running directly across the track, almost completely blocking the path of car 19. This action forced car 19 to slow down and abandon its fast lap.

Having considered all the circumstances of the case, the Stewards decided to impose a three-grid-position drop on Car 7.

According to Art. 12.3.4 of the FIA International Sporting Code and the article 7.4.6 of WEC Sporting Regulations, this decision is not subject to appeal.

Brieuc KREMER
Chairman of the Panel

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National Steward