

FIA World Endurance Championship
Round 5 - Lone Star Le Mans
2026 September 3rd - 6th

Decision no. 24

From: The Stewards
To: HEART OF RACING TEAM

Date: 4 September 2026
Time: 18:59

The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Race Director, having summoned and heard both driver and team manager, having checked video evidence determined a breach of the regulations has been committed by the competitor named below and impose the penalty referred to.

N° / Driver: 23 / Gray NEWELL
Competitor: HEART OF RACING TEAM
Session: FP1
Time (fact): 12:18
Fact: Constant abuse of track limits
Offence: Appendix L, chap. IV, art. 2c of FIA International Sporting Code and Art 9.1.2 of 2026 WEC Sporting Regulations
Decision: Suspended 5 minutes Stop and Go penalty on condition that the driver Gray Newell does not commit any similar infringement (5th track limits) during FP3

Reason:

After having received several warnings, the driver continued to commit Track Limits infringements, reaching his eighth offence.

The Stewards had just received the report concerning the sixth offence and the seventh offence. In view of these repeated infringements and the exceptional circumstances of the case, the Stewards decided to summon the driver and the Team Manager.

The Stewards considered that to serve the usual penalty for the above infringements would have required the driver to stop for a long time, which would significantly reduce his opportunity to improve his driving in order to avoid further infringements during the session.

Consequently, the Stewards decided to summon the driver and the Team manager before the FP2 session and reviewed the video evidence with the driver. During the hearing, the Stewards reminded the driver that, although the infringements occurred during a Free Practice session, his behaviour needed to improve.

The Stewards noted that the driver had not committed any Track Limits penalisable infringement during FP2. Taking this into account, and considering the particular circumstances of the case, the Stewards decided to impose a suspended 5-minute Stop and Go penalty.

Competitors are reminded that, in accordance with Art. 12.3.4 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Art. 7.4.3 of WEC Sporting Regulations, this decision is not subject to appeal.

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Jean-Francois VEROUX
Chairman of the Panel

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Michael SCHWÄGERL
International Steward

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International Steward

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David HSU
National Steward