

Competition 24H-RACE NÜRBURGRING
From The Stewards
To The Competitors' Representative
 ROWE RACING

Decision N° 8

DECISION

The Stewards, having received a protest from Competitor #98 ROWE RACING (document No C2015), summoned and heard Competitor's representative(s) (Hans-Peter Naundorf) accompanied by BMW representative (Lisa Crampton) have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Driver and car No: #98 (R. Marciello / M. Martin / M. Wittmann / A. Farfus)

Competitor: ROWE RACING

Time (fact): 15:05:20

Session: Race

Decision: **The protest is admissible but not justified (reason).
The protest deposit expires.**

Reason: The Race was interrupted on 01.06.2024 at 23:22 h.
The Restart of the Race was on 02.06.2024 at 13:30:11 h behind the Leading Car for safety reason due to the weather conditions.
By the CoC message to all teams (virtual posting board) at 13:34 h the possible restart procedure was announced:

"The race will be restarted at 13:30 behind the Safety Car / Leading Car. The race distance will be at least another 5 laps. Depending on the weather conditions, the safety car / leading car will enter pit lane and the race will resume under green flag."

The Protester explains, the race was interrupted at 15:05:20. In the view of the Stewards this wording is not correct. The race was finished at this time.

After the announced 5 laps the leading car entered the pit, but for safety reason (continues bad weather conditions) the green flag was not shown. This decided procedure was announced on the page "RACE CONTROL MESSAGE" at 14:49:34: "No restart! Safety Car come in in this lap. Overtaking is not allowed."

The CoC decision was to show at the Line the Finish Flag.
This procedure (showing the finish flag too early) is regulated in DMSB Circuit Regulations Art. 22:
"If the checkered flag is shown prematurely, this time is decisive for the classification. ..."

It should also be mentioned that competitor #98 did not suffer any disadvantage in his placing as a result of the checkered flag being shown too early.

This means that regardless of whether the premature display of the checkered flag is considered to be an error or not, the order of passing at that time is decisive.

Therefore, the Stewards decided this protest was unfounded.

The Competitor is reminded that he has the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with article 15 of the FIA Int. Sporting Code and art. 28 DMSB General Event Regulations, within the applicable time limits.

Nürburgring, 02.06.2024 17:54 h

The Stewards:

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Received by the Competitor:

ROWE RACING

Received and acknowledged:

Signature

Date: 02.06.24 Time: 18:15