



2024 BUDAPEST EVENT

18 to 21 July 2024

From	The Stewards	Document	35
To	The Team Manager, Hitech Pulse-Eight	Date	20 July 2024
		Time	00:48

The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 14 - Luke Browning

Competitor Hitech Pulse-Eight

Time 15:39

Session Qualifying

Fact Car 14 (Browning) caused the issuance of a Red Flag during Qualifying

Infringement Breach of Article 33.5 of the 2024 FIA Formula 3 Sporting Regulations

Decision Deletion of the fastest lap time set by the Driver in the Qualifying session. There are no penalty points associated with this decision.

Reason The Stewards summoned and heard the Driver of Car 14 (Browning) and the Team Representative (Document 28).

The Stewards reviewed video footage that showed Car 14 losing control of his car, drifting to the side on the approach to Turn 11, and subsequently colliding into the safety barriers at the run-off of Turn 11. The qualifying session was red flagged and subsequently the session was not resumed.

The Driver of Car 14 stated that he was in control of his car during the entire session and due to factors outside his control, he spun and collided into the barriers. The Driver explained that there may have been debris on the track surface, and this may have been the factor that contributed to him losing control of the car. The Stewards acknowledged the driver's honesty and detailed explanation of his approach in driving during the session and particularly what happened at Turn 11. The Driver explained that if he had continued (without losing control) that he may have set a far better qualifying during that lap.

The Stewards presented the driver with the text of Article 33.5 of the 2024 FIA F3 Sporting Regulations, which states "Any driver who in the opinion of the Stewards is the sole cause of the issuance of a Red Flag during the qualifying practice session will not be permitted to take any further part in the session and their fastest lap time during the session may be deleted."

The resultant action following Car 14's collision caused the qualifying session to be red flagged, and the session to be ended prematurely. This sudden end to the session not only affected Car 14 (who may have qualified better) but it also affected the vast majority of the grid that was on a last attempt to secure better qualifying results.

The Stewards determined that the fastest lap attained by Car 14, during the session,

should be deleted in line with Article 33.5 of the 2024 FIA F3 Regulations. In reached this decision the Stewards determine that there was no external or technical mitigating factor outside the driver's control that may have justified the collision into the safety barriers. The Stewards do not consider any malice, bad/intentional intent from the Driver's part to cause the issuance of a red flag.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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