

ANNOUNCEMENT

ISSUED FROM THE ATOM F1 2020 TECHNICAL DELEGATE
TO THE CLERK OF THE COURSE IN FORCE FOR EDITION 5
DATE 12/10/2020
TIME 21:00

SUBJECT: ALLEGED COUNTERFEITED BIRTHDATE OF MATTEO BENASSI

The Clerk of the Course in force for the championship

ATOM ENTRY-LEVEL ESPORTS - CODEMASTERS F1 2020 ADVER EDITION 5 (from now on called 'edition 5 championship')

is required to examine in relation to the incident below, by summoning the driver to a meeting as soon as practicable. (*The integral text of the investigation is shown below.*)

N.o. / Driver 13 - Matteo Benassi

Offence (Alleged) Breach of articles 2.11, 9.14.2 and 9.14.3.2 of ATOM R&R

Reason Driver of Car 13 in the aforementioned championship, which is currently

active and organized by ATOM Entry-Level eSports, as now 12th of October 2020, is holding a **Grade 1 "super licence" in state of validity**, officially obtained on 17 April 2020 (currently imposed points in

the 12-month period are 4).

Matteo originally applied on the 8th of April 2020 at 11:41:05 with the email address "benassi.mm@gmail.com" - indicating himself as "MATTEO BENASSI" born on "09 August 2002" - to the Edition 4 of the Championship, carried out in the Codemasters F1 2019 PC platform (from now on called 'edition 4 championship') [ATTACHMENT. A1]. While applicating, all the regulations must have been checked by him as he wholly accepted the rules in force for that time.

Between the months of May and June 2020, it was discovered by The Stewards (and consequently by the Organizers as well) that the "real" year of birth of Matteo was 2004 instead of 2002. (In reality, himself admitted to "have probably mistyped" his date of birth in the form, but the benefit of the doubt has been given).

To avoid disqualifying the driver, the regulations have been modified by the Organizers, (currently under article 2.1) by adding a sentence which tolerated then the participation of Matteo to the 'edition 4 championship'.

In fact, due to a restriction of 16 years of age, Matteo would have been unable to participate at the 'edition 4 championship'. Because of that addition, the driver did not suffer any consequence as he was complying with the *(new)* regulations. The website's database has been edited to match the new discovered data and everything was then filed.

Confidently, on May the 28th at 15:00, the undersigned had assigned the role of Race Director for the 4th German GP to Matteo by signing a document (entitled as "72-Race Director Substitution for German GP"). By the end of the 'edition 4 championship', brought by a general disinterestedness of the qualified-to-race drivers, **the Organizers** - asking him first - **have entitled Matteo** (and also Giuseppe Valenti) **to take the role of "Assistant"**, by managing minor commitments about that championship (such as managing the website, and so accessing information hidden to the outside - so **being in a privileged position**), and since the role was never revoked, that role remained valid for all the following championships made on the Codemasters' F1 game series.

Matteo applied also for the 'edition 5 championship', precisely on the 3rd of September 2020 at 12:59:46 with the aforementioned email address, identifying himself as well as before, with his birthdate now set to "09 August 2004" [ATTACHMENT. A2].

As the week between October the 5th and now has passed, the undersigned has found on the social network "Instagram by Facebook" the biography of a profile called "__il_benny__", which has 28 posts, 615 followers (in which many profiles are recognized, including ATOM itself) and 718 follows - altogether traceable to the person in subject of this document - which states the following: [ATTACHMENT. B]

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At this point it is *almost beyond any reasonable doubt* that the date inserted by Matteo to apply for the 'edition 5 championship' was not real, as **the same profile reveals further indications** with several friends tagged by himself, exposing their school's name (regarded that it has the same denomination of what stated on his profile) as well as their age by inserting the final two digit of the 2005 (05) into their usernames.

Both of the forms (edition 4 and 5 championships) had a mandatory clause to check that hereby confirmed that state the following "Dichiaro di avere almeno 16 anni" (which translated from italian becomes: "I declare being at least 16 years old"). This is proved by the ATT. A2 on the second column from the left.

The fact that Matteo accepted to help the Organizers is remarkable and appreciated, but at the same time is making sadder the fact that for such a long time he purposely lied, plus while not complying with the regulations.

Although it should be considered the retroactiveness of the super licence, Matteo would never had any kind of authorization to participate at any of the sixteen races that he ran, but all the races in the 'edition 4 championship' were legally ran because of that aforementioned *Article* 2.1.

As Article 9.14.2 (updated September the 1st, so two days <u>before</u> the application of Matteo) states that "The exercise of participation in an event in any role or position is not considered valid and occurred, if the person does not have his / her active authorization", and considered that <u>Matteo did not have any valid (and therefore active)</u> authorization to race for the 5th Austrian GP and the 5th British GP, I am reporting the fact to The Stewards in order to be evaluated in the most correct way.

Giovanni Rizza
ATOM F1 2020 Technical Delegate

ATTACHMENT A1

04/04/2020 23.56.13	andrea3vi@hotmail.it	Trevisan	Andrea	Warh3ro3s	14/02/1992
08/04/2020 11.41.05	benassi.mm@gmail.com	Benassi	Matteo	benassi.mm	09/08/2002
10/04/2020 14.38.16	poroheart@web.de	Huber	Thomas	Hi	16/02/1999

ATTACHMENT A2

03/09/2020 0.53.58 Dichiaro di avere alm eltarsilence@gmail.com	Rizza	Giovanni	EltarSilence	16/08/2000
03/09/2020 12.59.46 Dichiaro di avere alm benassi.mm@gmail.com	Benassi	Matteo	benassi.mm	06/08/2004
03/09/2020 15.53.15 Dichiaro di avere alm RobertoLucia00@gmail.com	Lucia	Roberto	Ryks	06/12/2000

ATTACHMENT B

