
ATOM F1 EASYFIX BRAZILIAN GRAND PRIX
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Protest filed by Car number 36 driven by Nicola Sanga Pedercini, against The Stewards' Document no. 2 for Race 131 (ATOM F1 NORDVPN BELGIAN GRAND PRIX)

Stewards Decision:

The Protest is accepted.

Procedure:

1. On May 18th at 23:37 the parties were informed about the admissibility of the protest.

On behalf of Car number 36:
 - Nicola Sanga Pedercini
On behalf of The Stewards:
 - Federico Giannalia
 - Omar Avdic
 - Nicola Diliberto
 - Brendan Cahill
2. At the hearing of the Commission, there were no objections against the composition of The Clerk of The Course for this event. The Stewards set out oral arguments and addressed the matter writtenly asked by the Driver.
3. At the hearing The Stewards referred to the Drivers' declarations, forwarded by the Race Director.
4. The Stewards, to discuss their points, and in order to obtain more points of view, initiated the hearing of additional people (person), whose are (is):
 - Simone Gallo
 - Giovanni Rizza

The claims of Nicola Sanga Pedercini:

He claims that he was present during the briefing, despite having joined 5 minutes late due to a headset problem, and even though he cannot provide any proof, he is stating that he was listening at all times the conversations during the briefing, and, when called by the Race Director Delegate (Simone Gallo), he wasn't ready (or just didn't even think) to reply, due to the fact that the Delegate just stated that he thought that "the Driver would join the free practice session later on".

The Stewards' point:

For The Stewards, the Driver was not present during the briefing, as of the report made by the Race Director on May 17. The Race Director, as could not be present due to reasons of force majeure, was told all the situations by his Delegate.

Conclusions of The Commission:

Having considered the various statements made by the parties:

1. The Commission does not believe to be true that the driver was absent from the computer (AFK) during the briefing, also because he was connected to the voice channel, albeit with the microphone silenced.
2. The delegate just reported the situation to the race director without taking into account the fact that the driver had already had problems in the initial part of the briefing (the 5 minutes delay due to problems with the headset, declared by the driver himself).
3. As the delegate did not call one driver after other (roll call) in order to check their presence, the fact that the driver did not unmute the microphone during the briefing cannot be used as a pretext to impose a penalty.
4. Furthermore, the delegate had consulted the pilot in a moment in which he could not be fully alert - in terms of the briefing, practically finished - and moreover he called him only once, and in any case (hastily) stating that he would have joined the session only later on. This specific sentence would have reassured the pilot by inducing him not to respond further to any call from the delegate.
5. As he himself claimed, although there is no evidence to testify what happened in favor of the appellant, the stewards deem it appropriate to eliminate the disqualification measure against him, also due to the fact that there are no certain assumptions that he was not at least listening to the briefing (see point 3), considering that the driver lost the delegate call only at that moment, failing to answer.

Accordingly, the Protest is accepted.

All the penalties imposed in the Stewards' relative document will be removed.

This decision shall be considered permanent and not appealable anymore.

Giovanni Rizza

Brendan Cahill

Omar Avdic

Simone Gallo

Federico Giannalia

Nicola Diliberto

The Stewards