

2020 FIA WTCR – RACE OF ARAGON

From The Stewards

Decision N° 01

To The Competitors' Representative

The Stewards received various information in which some Competitors expressed their lack of understanding about the application of the FIA WTCR Sporting Regulations 2020 regarding the result of Q3 during the Race in Spain.

The Stewards took this as an opportunity to review the application of the regulations in this matter.

The Panel of Stewards in the Race in Spain had the same composition as the Panel of Stewards in the subsequent Race of Aragon.

After examination of the facts regarding the result of Q3 of Race of Spain and then using this result in the further parts of competition, the Stewards came to the following conclusion:

1. The published result of Qualifying, part Q3 of Race of Spain does not correspond to the implementation of this result in the starting grid for Race 3. Article 38.6 is decisive for this and in the special case of the Race of Spain also Article 38.3 e).
2. The final starting grid for Race 3 of Race of Spain corresponded to the FIA WTCR Sporting Regulations, Article 38.3 e) and was therefore correct.

Decision: The stewards decide that the result of Qualifying part Q3 of the Race of Spain is to be corrected in accordance with Article 38.3 e) FIA WTCR Sporting Regulations.

Reason: In fact, the current FIA WTCR Sporting Regulations are incomplete and do not clearly regulate how the result of part 3 of Qualifying is to be created if several cars have not achieved a valid lap time in this special 3rd part of Qualifying.

The Stewards have the task and authority to ensure that the event is carried out in accordance with the applicable rules (article 11.9.1 FIA International Sporting Code).

If these regulations are not clear or incomplete, the Stewards should use their decisions to close these loopholes in accordance with the spirit of the regulations.

Thus, the Stewards consider that it is within the meaning of the FIA WTCR Sporting Regulations to apply the definition (mentioned in article 38.3 e)) for the relevant part of starting grid equally for the result of Qualifying part 3 (Q3), because both are related.

The Stewards assess this decision as a clarification of the currently valid FIA WTCR Sporting Regulations.


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