



From The Stewards of the Meeting
To The Competitor GruppeM Racing
WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca CEO

Decision N° 19

The Stewards, having received reports from Security personnel at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca:

The reports detail an incident which occurred at approximately 22.00hrs on Saturday 30 March 2019. Rather than have the local Sherriff's Department deal with the matter, the Chief Executive Officer of the venue has requested that the matter be addressed through motorsport channels. Accordingly, under the authority vested to the Stewards by Article 11.9.2.b of the FIA International Sporting Code, the Stewards have considered the matter.

Three personnel associated with the Competitor GruppeM Racing were witnessed to drive a rental van on the track at high speed. When an attempt was made to stop the van by security personnel, the van was turned around and drove 'counter course' on the track. The van was eventually stopped and the three occupants were questioned and removed from the circuit's estate.

The reports were submitted to the Competitor's Representative who was asked for a response. The Competitor's Representative was offered a hearing-in-person but, as a practical expediency, the matter has been dealt with by correspondence.

The Competitor's Representative submitted an account that he had been able to secure from the driver of the van. Although there were similarities with the account of the Security personnel, there were also differences. The Stewards preferred the account of the Security personnel and find that the Competitor is in breach of Article 33 of the California 8 Hours 2019 Sporting Regulations.

The Competitor is fined US\$5000 which must be transferred, within 7 days, to the account (details advised) of WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca for distribution to such charity/charities as they see fit.

The Competitor is reminded of their right of appeal.

Greg MASTERS
Chief Steward

Brian TILL
Steward

John WALSH
Steward

Date 05 April 2019

Time 19.00hrs (UTC)