

DECISION No: 01

From: The Stewards **Date:** 13th July 2023
To: CSA Racing / Gael CASTELLI **Time:** 16:45 hrs

The Stewards having received a report from the Race Director and in consideration of Stewards Decision 72 taken at Spa-Francorchamps on 1st July 2023, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No. / Driver: 111 / Gael CASTELLI
Competitor: CSA Racing / Gael CASTELLI
Session: Race 2 at Spa-Francorchamps, 1st July 2023
Fact: Unsporting Behaviour & Causing a collision
Regulation: Articles 15.1 & 33.4 of the GT4 European Series Sporting Regulations and Appendix L Chapter IV Article 2 d) of the FIA International Sporting Code
Decision: Disqualification from Race 2 of the GT4 European Series held at Spa-Francorchamps on 1st July 2023, a fine of €5,000 and the imposition of 2 Behaviour Warning Points to Driver Gael Castelli in accordance with Article 17 of the 2023 GT4 European Series Sporting Regulations. In consideration of the formal letter of apology received and verbal apology provided to The Stewards and Competitor #2, the fine itself is suspended for the remainder of the 2023 GT4 European Series season on condition that there is no repeat of any unsporting behaviour by Competitor #111.

Additionally, the actions of the Driver and Entrant of Car #111, Gael Castelli, detailed in this decision will be reported to both the Driver's licence issuing ASN (FFSA) and the SRO Sporting Board for consideration of further penalties.

Reason: The driver of Car #111, having passed the Chequered Flag at the end of Race 2 proceeded to overtake five cars until he caught Car #2 at Turn 7. Onboard footage from Car #111 shows the driver pull alongside Car #2 between Turns 7 and 8 before turning the steering wheel left causing side to side contact between the two cars. At the same time the driver of Car #111 can be heard shouting "I'm going to kill you". Having overtaken Car #2, the driver of Car #111 then slows approaching Turn 12 allowing Car #2 to draw alongside. The driver of Car #111 can then be seen to gesticulate at the driver of #2. The driver of Car #111 explained that he was very upset following an incident during the race and accepts responsibility for this incident, which he states was inappropriate and disproportionate. The Stewards note the formal letter of apology received shortly after the race.

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Separately, immediately after the race the Team Representative of Car #111 was observed by the Race Director, Abi Hay making verbal threats towards the Team Representative of Car #2 in Race Control. The Stewards note the written concerns expressed by Felix Schmenk, Team Manager of #2 Bonk Motorsport and the written statement provided to The Stewards by the Race Director, Abi Hay.

Having called Mr. Schmenk as a witness and heard from the Team Manager of Car #111 Simon Barre and driver of Car #111 Gael Castelli, The Stewards are satisfied that the actions of both the Team Manager and Driver of Car #111 represent a serious breach of regulations and impose the penalty detailed above.

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, within the applicable time limits.



Steve BURNS
Steward (Chairman)



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International Steward



Giancarlo MERCHIORI
ASN Steward

Received by the Competitor:

Signature: 

Date: 13/07/23 Time: 16H50

Copy to: The Competitor
The Race Director
The Clerk of the Course
The Secretary of the Meeting
The Press Delegate