



F4 United States Championship

Brainerd International Raceway

15 – 18 July 2021

From	The Stewards	Document	Stewards Decision 424
To	The Team Manager	Date	18 July 2021
	DC Autosport	Time	17:15 CDT

The Stewards, having received a protest from ICAR Canada Racing on behalf of driver Justin Arseneau (F4 #36) (Document No F4-P1-Brainerd), having examined video evidence, summoned and heard from driver Justin Arseneau and team representative J.F. Lafontaine (ICAR Canada Racing) and team representative Don Conner (DC Autosport), representing driver Rodrigo Gutierrez, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No/Driver 71 – Rodrigo Gutierrez

Competitor DC Autosport

Time 10:14

Session F4 Race 3 (Round 12)

Facts ICAR Canada racing filed a protest against F4 #71 alleging that the car took the outside lane for the start rather than his proper grid spot on the inside lane, thereby causing a loss of starting positions for all cars starting behind him on the outside lane. The Stewards reviewed the protest, found it to be timely and admissible, and summoned the drivers and team representatives for a hearing at 14:30. Mr. Arseneau and Mr. Lafontaine represented ICAR Canada Racing at the hearing while Mr. Conner represented DC Autosport. Mr. Gutierrez had already left the circuit at the time of the hearing, but Mr. Conner contacted him via telephone during the hearing and gave him the opportunity to address the Stewards, which he declined.

Offence Breach of Article 36.8(a) of the Sporting Regulations.

Decision 10 second time penalty added to the elapsed race time of F4 #71.

Reason The Stewards determined that car 71 was to start in grid position 7 (inside of row 4, drivers right) while car 36 was to start in grid position 8 (outside of row 4, drivers left). When the field formed into rows of two, car 71 lined up behind the car starting on the outside of row 3, forcing car 36 to start on the outside of row 5. As such, car 71 was in the wrong position for the start which constitutes a false start under Article 36.8(a) of the Sporting Regulations. The Stewards uphold the protest and direct the protest deposit to be returned to the protestor.

The Competitor is reminded of his right to appeal in accordance with Article 16.2 of the Sporting Regulations except where the penalties are not susceptible to appeal (Articles 16.1.4.d and 16.2.5 of the Sporting Regulations).

Pat di Natale, Chairman

Steward (Chairman)

Wesley Cunningham

Steward

John Walsh

Steward