



**F4 United States Championship**  
**Virginia International Raceway**  
**6 – 9 October 2022**

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<b>From</b>	The Stewards	<b>Document</b>	Stewards Decision 510
<b>To</b>	The Team Manager	<b>Date</b>	8 October 2022
	Velocity Racing Development	<b>Time</b>	17:30

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The Stewards, having received a protest from Crosslink Kiwi Motorsport on behalf of driver Gabriel Fonseca (F4 #76) (Document No F4-P1-VIR2022), having examined video evidence, summoned and heard from driver Gabriel Fonseca and team representative Garry Orton (Crosslink Kiwi Motorsport) and driver Noah Ping and team representative Dan Mitchell (Velocity Racing Development), have considered the following matter and determine the following:

- No/Driver** 65 – Noah Ping
- Competitor** Velocity Racing Development
- Time** 9:00
- Session** F4 Race 1
- Facts** The protest alleges that the 76 car was hit in the rear by the 65 car in turn 17 as the field was in 2 by 2 formation behind the safety car for a rolling start. The Stewards reviewed the protest, found it to be timely and admissible, and summoned the parties to a hearing at 15:15.
- Offence** Alleged breach of Article 15.1(d) of the Sporting Regulations.
- Decision** No further action.
- Reason** The Stewards determined that there was incidental contact as the field came to the start in close formation, but neither car was disadvantaged or placed in imminent danger. None of the parties felt that the contact was malicious and the Stewards agree with that assessment. Both drivers were advised that any contact should be avoided for obvious safety reasons. The protest is disallowed, but the Stewards feel that it was filed in good faith to prevent future safety issues. As such, the Stewards direct that the protest deposit be returned to the Protestor.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards in accordance with Article 16.2 of the Sporting Regulations, except where the penalties are not susceptible to appeal (Articles 16.1.4.d, 16.2.2.e and 16.2.5 of the Sporting Regulations), within the applicable time limits.

Pat diNatale  
**Steward (Chairman)**

Wesley Cunningham  
**Steward**

Kyle Colbey  
**Steward**