

FIA World Endurance Championship
Round 2 – 6 Hours of Spa
2026 May 6th - 9th

Decision no. 57

From: The Stewards

Date: 9 May 2026

To: ALPINE ENDURANCE TEAM

Time: 22:03

The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Race Director, having checked video evidence, summoned and heard from the Competitors' Representatives and the drivers concerned, have considered the following matter and determined the following:

N° / Driver: 35 / António FÉLIX DA COSTA

Competitor: ALPINE ENDURANCE TEAM

Session: Race

Time (fact): 19:26:50

Fact: Car 009 sought to overtake car 35 on the straight between turns 4 and 5. Car 009 left the track and spun off track.

Offence: Alleged Breach of Appendix L, Chapter IV Art. 2d) of FIA International Sporting Code

Decision: No further action.

Reason:

The Stewards summoned and heard from the Competitors' Representatives and the Drivers. All present viewed broadcast and circuit cctv together with onboard video from both cars. The driver of car 35 stated that he was aware of car 009 behind and moved from the centre of the track to the right to block the possible overtake. The driver considered that he had done so in sufficient time to indicate to car 009 that the driver should change his line or slow. The driver of car 009 stated that he moved to the right to overtake car 35 and felt that car 35 should have been aware of this and should not have moved. At this time, car 009 was behind car 35 and no overlap existed.

The Stewards considered that the driver of car 35 had moved at the very last moment, with car 009 approaching and had relied upon car 009 reducing speed or moving. Equally, the Stewards felt that the driver of car 009 initiated the manoeuvre in the expectation that car 35 would not move. The Stewards considered that car 009 was not sufficiently committed to the manoeuvre for the action of car 35 to be deemed at fault, thereby holding the driver responsible.

The Stewards also took into account the split second decisions being made by both drivers at speeds in excess of 300 kph.

The Stewards, after extensive deliberation and discussion with the Driver Advisor, determined that neither driver was wholly or predominantly responsible for the incident and therefore took no further action.

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 and Chapter 5 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.



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