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Decision no. 11

From:	The Stewards	**Date:**	8 October 2026
To:	TEAM VIRAGE	**Time:**	18:34

N° / Competitor:	99 / TEAM VIRAGE
Session:	After Qualifying Practices
Time (fact):	15:55
Fact:	Neither driver of Car 99, Luke Kendall and Arnaud Malizia, participated in any free practice or qualifying session.
Offence:	Breach of Article 10.1.2 of LES
Decision:	The Stewards expressly authorise Luke Kendall and Arnaud Malizia to participate in Race 1 and Race 2 in accordance with Article 10.1.2 of the 2026 LES Sporting Regulations. Car 99 shall start both races from the pit lane.
Reason:	Due to technical issues with the car, neither driver of Car 99 participated in any free practice or qualifying session at this competition, as required by Article 10.1.2 of the 2026 LES Sporting Regulations unless expressly authorised by the Stewards. Following an investigation of the driving experience of the two drivers with Luke Kendall and Arnaud Malizia, the Driver Advisor considered that both drivers met the necessary requirements to safely take part in the races. Having considered this assessment, the Stewards decided to expressly authorise both drivers to participate in Race 1 and Race 2. In view of their absence from all free practice and qualifying sessions, the Stewards consider a pit lane start for both races appropriate and impose this measure pursuant to Article 7.4.1 of the LES Sporting Regulations. The Competitor shall designate the starting driver for each race.

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.

Astrid Marechal
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