



## 2024 SAKHIR EVENT

28 February to 2 March 2024

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<b>From</b>	The Stewards	<b>Document</b>	23
<b>To</b>	The Team Manager, Invicta Racing	<b>Date</b>	29 February 2024
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Technical Delegate (document 21), have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**No / Driver** 9 - Kush Maini

**Competitor** Invicta Racing

**Time** 20:01

**Session** Qualifying

**Fact** In respect of Car 9, the left undertray front external strake in the area defined in the Technical Delegate's report was outside the thresholds outlined in Articles 3.4.1 and 3.4.2 of the 2024 Formula 2 Technical Regulations.

**Infringement** Breach of Article 3.4.1 of the FIA Formula 2 Technical Regulations.

**Decision** Disqualification of Car 9 from the results of the Qualifying Session.  
Removal of all times set by Car 9 in the Qualifying Session.  
All cars originally classified behind Car 9 are moved up one place in the Qualifying Session classification.  
Permission is given for Car 9 to start the Sprint Race from the back of the grid after any other penalties are applied.  
Permission is given for Car 9 to start the Feature Race from the back of the grid after any other penalties are applied.

**Reason** The Stewards summoned (Document 22) and heard from the driver and team representative of Car 9, and the Technical Delegate.  
During the hearing, the Team acknowledged that the measurement performed by the FIA Technical Team was correct. The Driver explained that during the session he hit a kerb and suspects that the underbody sustained damage. The Team explained that the points at which the car is sat on the scrutineering platform were likely to have been damaged in the incident and, as such, the reason for the measurements being outside of the tolerances was not because of the undertray front external strake being below the minimum design height, but rather because of damage to the underbody that sets the reference plane.

The FIA Technical Delegate referred the Stewards to the Bodywork Measurement Procedure detailed in the FIA F2 Team Documentation SFTP Area, which not only sets out the measurements and the tolerances but also clearly states that the tolerances are intended to cover discrepancies caused by such a scenario. The Stewards find that damage to the underbody is a foreseeable consequence and as such it is the responsibility of the Team to set up a car in such a way that such deviations do not lead to technical non-conformity.

The Stewards note that the onus is on the competitor to ensure that the car is in

compliance with the regulations at all times during an event (2024 Formula 2 Sporting Regulations Article 3.2) therefore, the standard penalty for a breach of the Technical Regulations is imposed.

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

**Andrew Mallalieu**

**Steve Pence**

**Ahmed Baqer**

**The Stewards**