



## Formula Regional European Championship Round 3 - Spa - 28 - 31 May 2026

### Decision no. 28

**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** Trident Motorsport

**Date:** 31 May 2026  
**Time:** 17:23

The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**N° / Driver:** 33 / Maksimilian Popov  
**Competitor:** Trident Motorsport  
**Session:** Race 3  
**Time (fact):** 14:57  
**Fact:** Car 33 was alleged to have exceeded a gap of 10 car lengths behind the Safety Car.  
**Offence:** Alleged breach of Article 40.7 of 2026 FIA FREC Sporting Regulations V4  
**Decision:** No further action.

**Reason:**

The Stewards summoned (Summons 26) and heard the Driver of Car 33 (Popov) and the team representative. They examined video evidence and onboard footage.

During the last stages of the race, two consecutive Safety Car procedures were implemented due to two separate incidents, and the race was concluded under Safety Car conditions.

Car 33 was leading the race and managing the pace of the group behind during the Safety Car procedures. On the penultimate lap, approaching Turn 18 and passing through the point where recovery operations for the incident were taking place, the driver maintained a speed of approximately 80 km/h in order to avoid any hazard situation and in doing so the distance to the Safety Car increased.

After passing through the area of the incident and exiting Turn 19, the driver accelerated promptly and re-established an appropriate distance to the Safety Car, commencing the final lap still under Safety Car conditions.

The Stewards therefore determined that while the distance between Car 33 and the Safety Car increased momentarily, it was due to safety concerns for people recovering the damaged cars on the side of the track, and Car 33 quickly reduced the distance between itself and the Safety Car. Therefore, the Stewards decide to take 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.

Iacopo Arcangeli  
Chairman of the Stewards

Alfonso Orihuela  
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