RESPONSE TO PROTEST OF PILOT #15

JURY DECISION

The Protest is denied.

The Protestor's argument is based on the assertion that the launch period extension announced at 07:23 constituted a violation of AXMER 8.10 because it was communicated after the start of the launch period.

The Jury reviewed AXMER 8.10 together with the guidance contained in COH 2026 section 2.4.9.

Both AXMER 8.10 and COH 2.4.9 state that notice must be given 20 minutes before the start of launch period for ILPs, for 'significantly alter(ing) the tasks', however the COH explains that AXMER 8.10 refers to "minor amendments" to task data and specifically notes that the rule does not refer to changes made to flight data such as launch period start.

COH 2.4.9

"...The rule refers to 'minor' amendments and those might include target closing times or goal/target references. It's important to note that the rule does not refer to changes made to flight data such as launch period start. ..."

Our interpretation as a jury is that changes to flight data such as launch period start - and launch period end - are not bound by the notice constraints required for changes to individual task data i.e. 20 minutes notice before start of launch period.

The Jury is therefore not persuaded that AXMER 8.10 applies in the manner asserted by the Protestor.

Furthermore, the Jury finds no evidence that competitors were denied equal access to the information communicated by the Event Director, nor sufficient evidence that the extension resulted in a material competitive disadvantage affecting the fairness of the competition.

Without deciding whether a different procedure may have been preferable, the Jury finds that the Protestor has not established a breach of AXMER 8.10, or any other applicable rule, sufficient to justify the remedies requested.

For these reasons, the Protest is denied.

The Jury acknowledges that at the moment there appear to be no restrictions on how and when a director can change flight data - such as launch period start or finish, and this is a recommendation for further clarification in future rulesets

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