RESPONSE TO THE PROTEST OF PILOT #7

JURY DECISION

The Protest is denied.

The Protestor argues that the launch period extension announced at 07:23 was invalid because it did not comply with the requirements of AXMER 8.10 and therefore competitors launching after 07:50 should be penalized.

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 satisfied that AXMER 8.10 governs the launch period extension in the manner asserted by the Protestor.

The Jury further finds no rule requiring the automatic invalidation of the extension or the automatic application of launch period penalties to competitors who acted in accordance with an official communication issued by the Event Director.

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.

Accordingly, 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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