



2013 JAPANESE GRAND PRIX

From	The FIA Stewards of the Meeting	Document	31
To	The Team Manager Sauber F1 Team	Date	12 October 2013
		Time	16:12

The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, heard from both drivers and team representatives, examined video/audio evidence, have considered the following matter and determine a breach of the regulations has been committed by the competitor named below and impose the penalty referred to.

No / Driver 11 - Nico Hulkenberg

Competitor Sauber F1 Team

Time 11:59

Session Practice 3

Fact Car 11 appeared to impede car 23 at the exit to turn 9.

Offence Breach of Article 16.1(g) of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

Decision The competitor (Sauber F1 Team) is fined €20,000.

Reason The team of car 11 advised him by radio that car 23 was on a "cool down" lap. Car 11 was preparing for a fast lap when the driver realised car 23 was immediately behind him and tried his best to give car 23 the apex. The team of car 23 does not believe the incident amounted to illegitimately impeding.

However, whilst the driver of car 11 is not found to be in breach of Article 16.1(g), we determine the team to be responsible for the incident, which was potentially dangerous, by issuing an incorrect message.

Garry Connelly

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