

2021 LE CASTELLET

17 to 20 June 2021

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To	The Team Manager, PREMA Racing	Date	18 June 2021
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 3 - Olli Caldwell

Competitor PREMA Racing

Time 14:07

Session Qualifying

Fact Car 03 did not proceed to the pitlane immediately after red flags were displayed.

Offence Infringement of Article 2.5.4.1 (b) of Appendix H to the FIA International Sporting Code.

Decision Reprimand to the driver.

Reason The Stewards examined video and timing evidence. They summoned and heard the driver and the team representative (document No. 14).

The driver explained in the hearing that he had already committed to turn 14 when he realized the red flag situation and that he did not have a chance to enter the pits safely and without endangering other drivers. Therefore, he considered it to be safest to stay out for one more slow lap and return to the pits after that.

The Stewards accept that, whilst the driver of Car 2 had not reached the pit entry yet when the red flags came out, due to the very limited time available to react and taking into account the track layout, together with the fact that there was a car trailing closely behind, there was a high likelihood that an erratic or potentially dangerous driving maneuver would have been necessary to enter the pit lane directly after the red flags were displayed. Furthermore, the driver fully complied with the requirement to immediately reduce speed in a red flag situation by proceeding slowly on track for one lap.

The Stewards consider the above mentioned facts to be mitigating circumstances and therefore conclude that a reprimand is appropriate. Nonetheless, the driver was reminded that red flag situations require full awareness to all flag signals, and audio/light signals used, and further that it is his responsibility to return to the pits safely at the earliest opportunity.

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 Article 10.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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