

## 2022 SILVERSTONE EVENT

30 June to 3 July 2022

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| <b>To</b>   | The Team Manager,<br>Van Amersfoort Racing | <b>Date</b>     | 02 July 2022 |
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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** 30 - Rafael Villagomez

**Competitor** Van Amersfoort Racing

**Time** 10:02

**Session** Race 1

**Fact** Car 30 was not within its assigned grid box.

**Offence** Breach of Article 37.9 of the 2022 FIA Sporting Regulations.

**Decision** Five seconds (5) time penalty. In addition, 1 point to be added to the driver's record. Total for the 2022 season = 1 point.

**Reason** The Stewards reviewed video evidence and the jump-start report based on the information from the FIA approved and supplied transponder fitted to each car. They summoned and heard the driver of Car 30 and team representative (document 40).  
The Driver of Car 30 explained that, as he approached his grid box, he did not have enough distance to drive his car "straight" into the grid box and instead had to turn into the grid box.

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determined that the jump-start report shows no irregularity, and that Car 30 was positioned on the starting grid in such a way that the transponder was able to detect the moment at which the car first moved from its grid position after the start signal was given in accordance with Article 37.13(b) of the FIA Formula 3 Sporting Regulations. However, the video footage clearly shows that the left wheel contact patches are over the grid box, which is a breach of Article 37.9 of the FIA Formula 3 Sporting Regulations, which states that cars "*must stop within their respective starting grid positions*". The Stewards take note that the grid configuration at this circuit, in conjunction with the number of cars starting this race, makes entry to the last grid boxes somewhat challenging.

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

## The Stewards