

2023 BAKU EVENT

27 to 30 April 2023

From	The Stewards	Document	22
To	The Team Manager, PREMA Racing	Date	28 April 2023
		Time	18:55

The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 8 - Oliver Bearman

Competitor PREMA Racing

Time 15:50

Session Qualifying

Fact Car 8 was driving in an erratic manner in front of Car 2 (Daruvalla) and Car 22 (Verschoor) between Turn 6 and Turn 7.

Offence Breach of Article 27.4 of the FIA Formula 2 Sporting Regulations.

Decision Reprimand given to the Driver of Car 8.

Reason The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned and heard the drivers and team representatives (documents 16, 17 & 18).

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determined that the entire field was on a preparation lap with the lead car going slowly. Cars behind the leader elected not to pass, and the field began to bottle up.

Multiple cars were weaving to try to prepare for their push laps and Car 8 was among them. However, unlike the other weaving cars, Car 8 had Car 2 (Daruvalla) and Car 22 (Verschoor) side by side directly behind him. Car 2 pulled alongside Car 8 between Turns 6 and 7, but was unable to complete the pass due to the resumption of weaving by Car 8 on the straight. Cars 2 and 22 were frustrated in their inability to pass, however, they acknowledged that Car 8 was not the root cause of the problem and that had they been able to pass Car 8 that they would have encountered the same problem with the next car.

The Stewards acknowledge an extremely frustrating situation for all drivers concerned. Nevertheless, the stewards conclude that Car 8 was driven in an erratic manner that could have been potentially dangerous to Cars 2 and 22. Given the circumstances, the Stewards elect to issue a reprimand to the Driver of Car 2.

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.

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