

## 2023 BARCELONA EVENT

1 to 4 June 2023

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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** 1 - Paul Aron

**Competitor** PREMA Racing

**Time** 10:23

**Session** Practice

**Fact** Cars 1 (Aron), 17 (Collet) and 18 (Villagomez) were alleged to have impeded Car 15 (Mini) at Turn 12.

**Infringement** Alleged breach of Article 31.6 of the 2023 FIA F3 Sporting Regulations.

**Decision** No further action

**Reason** The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned and heard the drivers and team representatives of Cars 15, 1, 17 and 18 (documents 9, 10, 11 & 12).

During the session, Car 15 was observed to have to abort a push lap when Car 15 encountered Car 1 at the entry to Turn 12 and then Cars 18 and 17. Car 1 was moving slowly on the racing line at the start of Turn 12 as a consequence of which Car 15 had to move wide to the left to avoid contact. At the exit of Turn 12 Car 15 came upon Car 18 with Car 17 ahead of it, both of which were also on the racing line and moving slowly. Cars 1, 17 and 18 were all preparing to commence a push lap but could not start a push lap at that point because there was a queue of other cars ahead of them moving slowly. The drivers of Cars 1 and 18 acknowledged that they were unaware Car 15 was on a push lap, nor was the driver of Car 17 but when Car 17 saw Car 15, Car 15 had already abandoned his push lap. The team representatives of Cars 1, 17 and 18 all acknowledged that they could have done more to warn their drivers of Car 15 approaching. However, the driver of Car 15 acknowledged that even if Car 1 had moved off the racing line, the number of cars moving slowly ahead meant that he would have had to abandon his push lap anyway. Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determined that Car 15 was not unnecessarily impeded.

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.

Decisions of the Stewards are taken independently of the FIA and are based solely on the relevant regulations, guidelines and evidence presented.

**Andrew Mallalieu**

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**The Stewards**