

2023 MELBOURNE EVENT

30 March to 2 April 2023

From	The Stewards	Document	49
To	The Team Manager, PREMA Racing	Date	01 April 2023
		Time	17:46

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 11:26

Session Race 1

Fact Car 2 (Beganovic) left the track at the exit of Turn 3 after attempting to overtake Car 1 (Aron).

Offence Alleged breach of Appendix L Chapter IV Article 2b) of the FIA International Sporting Code by Car 1– crowding of a car beyond the edge of the track

Decision No further action

Reason The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned and heard from the drivers of Car 1 (Aron) and Car 2 (Beganovic) and their team representative (documents 35 and 36). Approaching Turn 3, Car 2 was behind Car 1. At Turn 3, Car 2 attempted to overtake Car 1 on the outside of Car 1. The front wheels of Car 2 were slightly ahead of the front wheels of Car 1 at the turn in point, but by the apex neither Car was ahead and after the apex the front wheels of Car 2 fell behind those of Car 1. Car 2 had forced Car 1 to take a tighter line into turn 3 which forced Car 1 to clip the kerb on the inside of turn 3. The driver of Car 1 explained that he had intended to leave room for Car 2 on the exit but the line Car 2 forced him to take meant that he was unable to do so. Because Car 2 chose to stay on the outside of Car 1, Car 2 left the track at the exit of Turn 3. The Stewards determined that Car 1 was not obliged to leave room for Car 2 at the exit of Turn 3 in the circumstances and therefore no breach of the rules by the driver of Car 1 was established.

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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