

## 2023 QATAR GRAND PRIX

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 45, 46 & 48) and heard from the drivers and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**No / Driver** 11 - Sergio Perez

**Competitor** Oracle Red Bull Racing

**Time** 20:52

**Session** Sprint

**Fact** Turn 2 incident between Cars 11, 27 and 31 at 20:52.

**Infringement** Alleged breach of Appendix L, Chapter IV, Article 2 d) of the FIA International Sporting Code.

**Decision** No further action.

**Reason** The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 11 (Sergio Perez), the driver of Car 27 (Nico Hulkenberg), the driver of Car 31 (Esteban Ocon), team representatives and reviewed video and in-car video evidence.

Cars 27 and 31 were fighting for position into Turn 1 and therefore had a slower exit out of Turn 1. This led to Car 11 being able to pull alongside on the outside before Turn 2. The cars entered Turn 2 three-wide, collided and spun off track.

Whilst Car 31 was moving from the left track edge to the middle of the track between Turns 1 and 2 with Car 27 on his right, the driver was not aware of Car 11 pulling alongside on the right side as his visibility was blocked by Car 27. The Stewards determine that Car 31 moved in a manner that would have allowed Cars 31 and 27 to negotiate Turn 2 side by side if Car 11 had not been there. Taking all this into account, the Stewards conclude that no driver was wholly or predominantly at fault for the collision. The incident is considered as a race incident and no further action is taken.

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.

**Felix Holter**

**Matteo Perini**

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**The Stewards**