

2023 SILVERSTONE EVENT

6 to 9 July 2023

From	The Stewards	Document	16
To	The Team Manager, PREMA Racing	Date	07 July 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 3 - Zak O Sullivan

Competitor PREMA Racing

Time 09:06

Session Practice

Fact Car 3 (O' Sullivan) unnecessarily impeded Car 7 (Frederick) at Turn 16.

Infringement Breach of Article 31.6 of the FIA Formula 3 Sporting Regulations.

Decision Reprimand

Reason The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned and heard the driver(s) of Car 3, Car 7, and Car 30 (Faria) and team representatives (Documents 10, 11, and 12).

Car 7 was on a fast lap and overtook several slower cars ahead of the approach to Turn 16. On the approach to Turn 16, five (5) cars were setting up for fast laps and were driving slowly on the far-right hand side of the track. Car 30 saw Car 7 approaching and immediately reacted by turning to the left of the track, off the racing line, to let Car 7 pass. Car 3 was, at this point, at the turn-in point of Turn 16 and perpendicular to Car 7 as it was approaching the turn and stated that his field of vision did not enable him to see Car 7 as it approached.

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determine that neither Car 7 nor Car 3 be held predominately responsible for causing the collision. However, the Stewards, determine that Car 3, should have been more cautious and aware of the approach of faster cars and therefore elect to issue the driver a reprimand for unnecessary impeding. It's imperative that drivers ensure that they do not unnecessarily impede cars during practice and qualifying sessions. Turn 16 is a known pressure point, at this circuit, and drivers elect to slow down to prepare for the upcoming lap(s). Their action does not excuse them from their obligation and awareness to faster cars.

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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