

2023 SPA FRANCORCHAMPS EVENT

27 to 30 July 2023

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To	The Team Manager, PHM Racing by Charouz	Date	29 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 17 - Joshua Mason

Competitor PHM Racing by Charouz

Time 14:19

Session Race 1

Fact Team personnel associated with Car 17 had not left the grid at the 15 second signal.

Infringement Breach of Article 37.5 of the FIA Formula 2 Sporting Regulations.

Decision Ten second Stop & Go Penalty in accordance with Article 39.3 (d) of the FIA F2 Sporting Regulations (served during the Race). No driver penalty points are associated with this infringement.

Reason The Stewards examined video evidence. The driver and team manager were summoned to the Stewards post race (document 42) to clarify the below.

Team members of Car 17 remained on the grid after the 15-second signal had been given which obligates Car 17 to start the race from pit lane. If a driver fails to do so, a 10 second stop and go penalty is mandatory. While this is ordinarily a simple matter to administer, in this instance Car 17 was already starting the race in pit lane for an entirely different reason. At the start of the formation lap Car 17 remained on the grid obligating the marshals to push him into pit lane for the race start. While the driver instead rejoined the formation lap he nevertheless entered pit lane for the start thus putting him where he should have been.

Having already been in pit lane for a separate reason relating to the start procedure, the stewards determine that merely being in pit lane did not constitute serving a penalty for the separate team personnel infringement. The regulations mandate a 10 second stop and go penalty when the pit lane start is not properly served, the stewards determine that in this case it is the appropriate penalty to issue for the team personnel infringement. The stewards note that the driver properly served this penalty when it was initially announced during the race.

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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