

2023 SPA FRANCORCHAMPS EVENT

27 to 30 July 2023

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To	The Team Manager, Van Amersfoort Racing	Date	28 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 23 - Juan Manuel Correa

Competitor Van Amersfoort Racing

Time 16:11

Session Qualifying

Fact Car 23 (Correa) impeded Car 14 (Doohan) at Turn 18 in Qualifying.

Infringement Breach of Article 31.6 of the FIA Formula 2 Sporting Regulations.

Decision A drop of 3 places on the grid for the next race in which the driver participates. No driver penalty points are associated with this infringement.
With regard to the Sprint Race (Race 1) to be held on 29 July 2023, this drop of 3 grid places is to be applied after the starting order under documents 22, 23, 24 & 25 has been processed.

Reason The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned and heard the drivers and team representatives (documents 18 & 19).
Cars 14 and 23 were both on a push lap on a drying track with Car 23 in front. Between Turns 17 and 18 Car 14 closed on Car 23 rapidly. Car 23 stayed on the dry line approaching Turn 18 with Car 14 now immediately behind. Car 23 pitted, and in so doing, balked Car 14 who continued his lap. There is no question that Car 14 was impeded by Car 23. During the hearing the Driver of Car 23 explained that a late decision to box was made in Turn 17. The Stewards note that both the driver and team of Car 23 knew that Car 14 was on a push lap immediately behind them and had reason to know that a late decision to box could have an adverse affect on Car 14. Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determine that the late decision to box and the failure to consider the impact of that decision on Car 14 created a situation where Car 23 unnecessarily impeded car 14. The standard penalty was imposed for the infraction during qualifying.
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.

The Stewards