

2023 ZANDVOORT EVENT

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To	The Team Manager, ART Grand Prix	Date	25 August 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 6 - Victor Martins

Competitor ART Grand Prix

Time 14:09

Session Qualifying

Fact Car 6 (Martins) drove erratically with respect to Car 14 (Doohan) on the first out lap and the following prep lap at the start of Qualifying.

Infringement Breach of Article 27.4 of the FIA Formula 2 Sporting Regulations.

Decision Reprimand.

Reason The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned and heard the drivers and team representatives (documents 26 & 27).

Car 6 was the third car in a line of four as the cars exited the pits for two preparation laps at the beginning of qualifying. Car 14 was the fourth car in line. During the hearing it was clear that the drivers of Cars 6 and 14 were both extremely frustrated by their interaction on track.

Car 14 first tried to pass Car 6 between turns 9 and 11 on the first lap while Car 6 tried not to yield his place in line. Car 14 tried to pass again between turns 3 and 4, as well as at turns 10 and 12 of the second lap. Car 14 finally got in front of Car 6 at the exit of Turn 12 with Car 25 approaching quickly. Cars 6 and 14 both let Car 25 through at Turn 13. Car 6 then accelerated out of Turn 13 before Car 14 and initiated an inside pass. Car 14 appeared to tighten his line on the exit in an attempt to maintain his position putting the two cars in close quarters. Both drivers reacted and avoided contact. Car 6 held his ground through Turn 14 and was directly ahead of Car 14 as they entered the front straight for their first push lap. Car 14 pulled to the inside to pass Car 6. Car 6 reacted by moving across the track to right making the pass as difficult as possible. Car 6 crowded Car 14 towards the pit wall.

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determine that both drivers gave each other an unnecessarily hard time throughout their two prep laps and at the commencement of their first push lap. Each driver maintained that they had the right to do what they were doing without acknowledging that each of them could have also taken steps to have improved their mutual situation. Ultimately they were equally frustrated, and each in turn crowded the other. Both paid a price with a sub-optimal first push lap. The drivers having effectively self-penalized themselves the stewards elect to issue each of them with a reprimand for erratic driving. The stewards encourage drivers to consider whether it is worth pushing a vexing position during

prep laps rather than attempting to disentangle themselves from a frustrating situation, especially during the first five minutes of 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.

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