

2023 AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX

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To	The Team Manager, Scuderia Ferrari	Date	01 July 2023
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 35 & 36) and heard from the drivers and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 16 - Charles Leclerc

Competitor Scuderia Ferrari

Time 12:09

Session Sprint Shootout

Fact Car 16 unnecessarily impeded Car 81 in turn 9 at 12:09.

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

Decision Drop of 3 grid positions for the next race in which the driver participates.

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 16 (Charles Leclerc), the driver of Car 81 (Oscar Piastri), team representatives and reviewed positioning/marshalling system data, video, timing, telemetry, team radio and in-car video evidence.

The driver of Car 81 stated that as he approached Turn 9 he saw that Car 16 was travelling slowly and had to brake, reducing his speed by approximately 45 km/h over the previous push lap. This was verified by the Stewards referencing the telemetry of Car 81. It was confirmed Car 81 lost approximately 0.5 of a second in that mini-sector (5.3s v 4.8s).

The driver of Car 16 stated that the last call he had from his team was when he was approaching Turn 4 ("Piastri 6 seconds") and that he saw Car 81 in his mirrors as he was in Turn 8 and Car 81 was in Turn 7.

The Team Representative of Car 16 stated that the team "could have done better" in communicating the rapid approach of Car 81 and its drivers stated that "If I had been warned I could have done something earlier".

Accordingly we determine that although this was not entirely the fault of the driver, and that the team's lack of communication was the major contributing factor, a grid position penalty must be imposed as Car 81 was "unnecessarily impeded", because there is no doubt that the situation could have been avoided.

It should also be noted that this penalty is to apply ONLY to the Sprint and should the driver be unable to contest the Sprint at this event, the penalty shall carry over to the next Sprint (and not the Grand Prix).

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.

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