

2023 SPA FRANCORCHAMPS EVENT

27 to 30 July 2023

From	The Stewards	Document	48
To	The Team Manager, Van Amersfoort Racing	Date	29 July 2023
		Time	19:39

The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 19 - Tommy Smith

Competitor Van Amersfoort Racing

Time 10:13

Session Race 1

Fact Car 19 (Smith) collided with Car 6 (Goethe) between Turns 17 & 18.

Infringement Appendix L Chapter IV Article 2 d) of the FIA International Sporting Code.

Decision Ten seconds (10) time penalty in accordance with Article 39.3 (b) of the FIA F3 Sporting Regulations. In addition, 3 penalty points are to be added to the driver's record. Total for the 2023 season = 5 points.

Reason The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned and heard the drivers of Car 6 and Car 19 and team representatives (Documents 37 & 38).

The safety car procedure was ending, and all cars were preparing for the restart of the race and were slowing down as they approached Turn 18. Car 6 was ahead of Car 19. Car 19 was yet to slow down and was trying to avoid another car to his left, he changed direction and moved to the right. As he moved, he was carrying more speed in relation to other cars, he encountered Car 6 and had to brake hard and collided into the back of Car 6.

Car 6 sustained damage and had to retire due to this collision.

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determined that Car 19 is wholly responsible for the collision. Due to the fact that the collision was under safety car period and not during normal race conditions, the stewards apply a ten (10) seconds time penalty along with three (3) penalty points instead of the usual two (2) penalty points.

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