

## 2023 ZANDVOORT EVENT

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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** 10:33

**Session** Race 2

**Fact** Car 6 (Martins) forced Car 8 (Bearman) off track at Turn 3.

**Infringement** Breach of Appendix L Chapter IV, Article 2 (b) of the FIA International Sporting Code

**Decision** Ten seconds (10) time penalty in accordance with Article 39.3 (b) of the FIA F2 Sporting Regulations. In addition, 2 points to be added to the driver's record. Total for the 2023 season = 7 points

**Reason** The Stewards examined video evidence.

Car 6 was attempting an inside pass of Car 8 at Turn 3. Turn 3 is highly banked and invites drivers to take different lines depending on their tactical situation. Car 8 which was slightly ahead on the entry phase of the corner stayed on the high line while Car 6 took a sharp line to the inside which put him slightly ahead mid-corner. Car 6's momentum necessarily carried him to the outside on the exit phase where he ultimately made side by side contact with Car 8 whose line allowed him to carry more speed on the exit. Car 8 was forced off the track and collided with the barrier.

Generally speaking, a car making an inside pass that is ahead at the apex has the right to the exit. However racing is a dynamic process and among the factors considered in evaluating an incident are how the cars got to the incident and the nature of the corner. In this case, due to the uniquely banked nature of the corner while the cars arrived at the corner next to each other, but staggered, they took very divergent paths through the banking that inevitably put them side by side on the exit. Car 8 took a very consistent high line while Car 6's path was varied. Car 6 should have appreciated that Car 8's momentum would put them in close quarters on the exit while Car 8 had limited visibility of Car 6's approach. Having considered the matter extensively the Stewards determine that the nature of racing in a steeply banked corner is different than that of typical corners. The stewards determine that Car 6 had reason to know that Car 8 would be there on the exit and Car 6 had the obligation to leave Car 8 sufficient room on the racing surface. The stewards determine that Car 6 is predominantly at fault for the collision and for forcing Car 8 off the track and into the barrier. The standard penalty was applied.

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.

**Steve Pence**

**Tanja Geilhausen**

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