

2021 SPANISH GRAND PRIX

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To	The Team Manager, Uralkali Haas F1 Team	Date	08 May 2021
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 19 & 20) and heard from the drivers and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 9 - Nikita Mazepin

Competitor Uralkali Haas F1 Team

Time 15:18

Session Qualifying

Fact Car 9 impeded car 4 in turn 14.

Offence Breach of Article 31.5 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

Decision Drop of 3 grid positions.
1 Penalty Point (2 points in a 12 month period)

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 9 (Nikita Mazepin), the driver of car 4 (Lando Norris) and team representatives and reviewed multiple angles of video evidence, telemetry and team radio.

During the Qualifying 1 session, Mazepin was setting up for a fast lap. As he approached turns 10 and 11 Mazepin was informed that Norris was closing on a fast lap behind him and was informed of the closing gap all the way through to the incident.

Mazepin then slowed to maintain the gap to Schumacher ahead of him with both setting up for their fast laps. Between turn 13 and 14, Raikkonen and Tsunoda, who were coming into the pits, jumped ahead of Mazepin. Both cars had also been informed of the fast closing Norris, and it is clear that they did this to get out of Norris' way. However, this created a difficult situation for Mazepin.

The Stewards determined that having been clearly informed of Norris' whereabouts, Mazepin's decision to pull out and re-pass Raikkonen and Tsunoda clearly impeded Norris, who lost significant time.

The Stewards recognize that this sequence of corners creates a special challenge to the drivers in qualifying and that Mazepin was faced with a difficult situation. This was also pointed out by Norris in the hearing. However, had Mazepin waited for Norris to pass, he could have pulled out and followed Norris and the Stewards determined this opportunity was available to him without significantly compromising his next lap.

The Stewards therefore order the usual penalty for "unnecessary impeding" of a three grid place drop and a single penalty point.

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 Article 10.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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