

2018 MEXICAN GRAND PRIX

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To	The Team Manager, Williams Martini Racing	Date	28 October 2018
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 34) and heard the team representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 18 - Lance Stroll

Competitor Williams Martini Racing

Time 13:46

Session Race

Fact Car 18 was released unsafely from a pit stop.

Offence Breach of Article 28.13 a) of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

Decision The Competitor (Williams Martini Racing) is fined €25,000.

Reason The Stewards reviewed the video evidence of the pit stop of Car 18 (Stroll) at 13:46 and heard from the team representative. The Stewards determined that the car was released unsafely in breach of Art. 28.13 a). The team released the car in a manner endangering team personnel.

The Stewards determined that the entire pit stop sequence was complete and that the mechanic being struck was as a result of a minor mis-coordination at the conclusion of the pit stop sequence. Nevertheless, while the contact did not result in injury, the Stewards found that it is the obligation of the team to ensure that all personnel are clear of the car before it is released.

In determining the penalty, the Stewards reviewed the incident in Bahrain 2018. In that case the sequence on the left rear tyre was significantly delayed and not at all completed prior to the car being released, resulting in serious injury to a team member.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal the decisions of the Stewards (with the exception of those referred to in Article 12.2.4 of the FIA International Sporting Code), in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Article 9.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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