



2017 JAPANESE GRAND PRIX

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 43) the driver and team representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 14 - Fernando Alonso

Competitor McLaren Honda

Time 15:27

Session Race

Fact Car 14 ignored blue flags.

Offence Breach of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations and of Appendix L, Chapter IV, Article 2 (a) of the FIA International Sporting Code.

Decision Reprimand (Driving) and 2 Penalty Points
This is the driver's 1st reprimand of the season.

Reason The Stewards examined video evidence, positioning data and heard from Fernando Alonso, the driver of car 14 and the team representative.

Alonso was shown a solid blue indicator light on his dash and waved blue flags between Turn 14 and Turn 15 on Lap 51. He also had received a flashing blue light informing him that race leader Lewis Hamilton was closing on him for over a lap before. Alonso let Hamilton pass during lap 52 at Turn 11.

The drivers have been told in drivers' briefings that the provisions of the International Sporting Code, that they "must allow the following car to pass at the earliest opportunity" means that they should do this for lapping cars regardless of their current battle. Stewards concluded that Alonso did not do this. Alonso noted in the hearing that there was an opportunity allow Hamilton to pass on the front straight, but not thereafter until Turn 11. The Stewards accepted that there are limited safe places to let a car past between Turns 2 and 9 which contributed to the length of time it took to allow Hamilton past.

In applying the penalty, the Stewards compared this incident to other similar incidents and considered that while a breach, this was less severe than others and that when he did move over he gave plenty of room, and subsequently to Verstappen.

The Stewards therefore applied a Reprimand (Driving) and 2 penalty points.

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