



2025 BUDAPEST EVENT

31 July to 03 August 2025

From	The Stewards	Document	35
To	The Team Manager, DAMS Lucas Oil	Date	01 August 2025
		Time	21:24

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

No / Driver 30 - Matias Zagazeta

Competitor DAMS Lucas Oil

Time 14:59

Session Qualifying

Fact Unsafe release of Car 30 (Zagazeta).

Infringement Breach of Article 12.2.1.i of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code - Race Director's Event Notes item 6.3.

Decision Warning to the Team of Car 30

Reason The Stewards examined video evidence, and summoned and heard the driver and team representative (Document 22). Car 30 was released from its pit position by the mechanic but delayed before departing. At that point, Car 26 was already approaching in the fast lane. Recognising the situation, Car 30 did not immediately attempt to enter the fast lane, but instead drove side by side with Car 26 for some time before ultimately safely merging into the fast lane.

The team and driver explained that they had been struggling with clutch issues and that this was the reason for the delayed response to the release signal. According to item 6.3 of the Event Notes, for reasons of safety, cars must not drive side by side with each other in the pit lane. The Stewards determine that given the team's knowledge of the clutch issue, they had reason to know that they might need a larger than normal gap to safely release the car. The stewards find that an infraction occurred because the team failed to factor the known problem into their release procedure. Given that there was nothing unsafe about the release and that no sporting advantage was gained by the driver or denied to other drivers, the Stewards elect to issue a warning to the team.

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.

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