



2026 MELBOURNE EVENT

5 to 8 March 2026

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To	The Team Manager, Van Amersfoort Racing	Date	07 March 2026
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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 22 - Nico Varrone

Competitor Van Amersfoort Racing

Time 14:59

Session Race 1

Fact Incident between Car 22 (Varrone) in the fast lane and Car 21 (Shields) waiting to depart his pit box.

Infringement Alleged breach of Appendix L, Chapter IV, Article 5 (b) of the FIA International Sporting Code.

Decision No further action.

Reason The Stewards summoned (Documents 40 & 41) and heard the Drivers of Car 22 (Varrone) and Car 21 (Shields) and the team representatives. The Stewards reviewed the available evidence, including video footage from the pit lane cameras.

During the Safety Car period, Car 22 entered the pit lane to perform a tyre change. The team of Car 22 was conducting a double-stacked pit stop. When Car 22 was approaching its pit position, its team-mate was still stationary due to a problem during the pit stop and could therefore not be released in time.

At the same time, Car 21, which was pitted in the pit position behind Car 22, was ready to be released. However, the team of Car 21 acted conservatively and delayed the release of Car 21 in order to avoid a potential unsafe release into the fast lane with Car 22.

As the driver of Car 22 did not want to stop in the fast lane, he proceeded forward in the pit lane and moved ahead of Car 21. Only after Car 22 had cleared the area was Car 21 able to leave its pit position.

The Stewards acknowledge that Car 21 was impeded as a result of this situation. However, having considered the circumstances, the Stewards determined that Car 22 did not stop in the fast lane and did not perform any manoeuvre considered dangerous or in breach of the pit lane regulations. The situation arose as a consequence of the delayed release of Car 22's team-mate during the double-stack pit stop and the cautious release decision taken by the team of Car 21.

Accordingly, the Stewards find no breach of the Regulations and therefore take no further action.

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

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