

2018 AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX

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To	The Team Manager, Williams Martini Racing	Date	01 July 2018
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 44 & 45) and heard the drivers and team representatives have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 18 - Lance Stroll

Competitor Williams Martini Racing

Time 16:30

Session Race

Fact Car 18 ignored blue flags for one lap.

Offence Breach of Appendix H, Article 2.4.5.1d) of the FIA International Sporting Code.

Decision A time penalty of 10 seconds is imposed after the race (10 seconds added to elapsed race time).
(3 penalty points awarded, 4 points in total for the 12-month period).

Reason The Stewards reviewed the video evidence, team radio and heard from the driver of car 18 (Lance Stroll), the driver of car 11 (Sergio Perez) and team representatives. The driver of car 18 admitted he had seen the blue flags, light panels and the light on his steering wheel. He stated his team had told him to attempt to un-lap himself but had not advised him to let car 11 pass until almost one lap of flags and lights had been displayed to him.

The reason for awarding 3 penalty points is that the issue of blue flags was specifically raised at the Friday night drivers' briefing and confirmed in the Race Directors notes, in particular the requirement to allow the following car to pass "at the first available opportunity".

In this instance the driver decided to give priority to the team instruction (to un-lap himself) over the regulations and the race directors specific instructions (regarding the blue flag procedure).

All Competitors are reminded of their right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, as set out in the International Sporting Code and related regulations, including the time limits for such appeals.

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