

2022 SPA FRANCORCHAMPS EVENT

25 to 28 August 2022

From	The Stewards	Document	51
To	The Team Manager, Charouz Racing System	Date	28 August 2022
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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 - Enzo Fittipaldi
Competitor	Charouz Racing System
Time	10:26
Session	Race 2
Fact	Car 22 went off track at Turn 5 and gained lasting advantage over Car 5 (Liam Lawson).
Offence	Breach of Appendix L, Chapter IV, Article 2 (c) of the FIA International Sporting Code.
Decision	Five seconds (5) time penalty in accordance with Article 39.3 (a) of the FIA F2 Sporting Regulations. In addition, 1 penalty point is to be added to the driver's record. Total for the 2022 season = 5 points.
Reason	<p>The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned and heard the drivers and team representatives (documents 47 & 48).</p> <p>At the approach to Turn 5, Car 5 was attempting a pass on the inside of Car 22. The two cars are side by side at the turn-in point to the corner as well as at the apex of Turn 5. They both left each other adequate space at Turn 5. Exiting Turn 5, Car 5 was slightly ahead of Car 22 and appears to be leaving adequate room on the outside which will then become the inside of Turn 6. Car 22 anticipating that he would collide with Car 5 at the apex of Turn 6 chooses to leave the track while behind Car 5 by about 1/4 car length and then rejoins the track after Turn 6 more than 1 car length ahead thereby gaining an advantage. This advantage was maintained for more than 1 lap.</p> <p>The team reported that they were having radio issues and were not able to contact Car 22 until approximately 2 laps later and at that point the position was given back to Car 5 prior to Turn 1. However a lasting advantage had already been established and the "give back" does not negate the advantage gained.</p> <p>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.</p>

The Stewards