



# 2024 AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX

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<b>To</b>	The Team Manager, Visa Cash App RB F1 Team	<b>Date</b>	29 June 2024
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 48) and heard from the driver and team representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**No / Driver** 22 - Yuki Tsunoda

**Competitor** Visa Cash App RB F1 Team

**Time** 16:14

**Session** Qualifying

**Fact** Inappropriate comments made on team radio.

**Infringement** Breach of Article 12.2.1 k) of the International Sporting Code.

**Decision** The driver (Yuki Tsunoda) is fined €40,000 of which €20,000 is suspended for the remainder of the 2024 season on condition that no infringement of a similar nature occurs.

**Reason** The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 22 (Yuki Tsunoda), team representative and reviewed team radio evidence.

During Q1 when Car 22 was queuing in the fast lane and another car blended into the fast lane ahead of him, the driver was heard to make a statement over team radio using offensive language.

During the hearing the driver was very apologetic and explained that because English is not his first language he was unaware until after the session what the meaning of the words used is in the English language. He said that he was horrified when he learned this. He contended that his understanding of the words was different, but acknowledged that this should not be considered as an excuse for what he did.

The Stewards appreciate the honesty of the driver, but reinforce the fact the words used are offensive and wholly inappropriate. To have used such words over a platform that is available to the public amounted to misconduct as defined in Article 20 of the International Sporting Code. Considering the circumstances, the Stewards determine that a severe fine is required, but also take into account the genuine remorse of the driver and his offer to issue a public apology and for these reasons decide to suspend part of the fine imposed.

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.

Decisions of the Stewards are taken independently of the FIA and are based solely on the relevant regulations, guidelines and evidence presented.

**Felix Holter**

**Matthew Selley**

**Johnny Herbert**

**Wilhelm Singer**

**The Stewards**