



2024 MELBOURNE EVENT

21 to 24 March 2024

From	The Stewards	Document	27
To	The Team Manager, DAMS Lucas Oil	Date	22 March 2024
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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 7 - Jak Crawford

Competitor DAMS Lucas Oil

Time 17:52

Session Qualifying

Fact Car 7 (Crawford) was released by his team following a tyre change with alleged rear suspension damage, reported by the Technical Delegate to the Race Director.

Infringement Alleged breach of Article 28.12 (b) of the FIA Formula 2 Sporting Regulations.

Decision No further action.

Reason The Stewards examined video and photo evidence. They summoned and heard the driver and team representative (document 20). The Technical Delegate also attended the hearing.

Video evidence showed that Car 7 made a contact with the wall at Turn 8 and returned to the pit lane with damage in his rear left tyre.

The team representative explained that the chief mechanic checked meticulously the rear left side of the car and noticed a small bend on the lower wishbone. Despite the slight bend, the team considered that the car was not in an unsafe condition and decided to send it back on track.

The Driver of Car 7 explained that he did not experience any issues with the car, and the balance of the car was unaffected. He also admitted that because he pushed a lot to set a time, he made a mistake at Turn 12, spun and collided with the barriers.

The FIA Technical Delegate inspected the car after both crashes and reported that the rear left lower wishbone was slightly bent after the first contact with the wall, but he did not see major changes in the part after the second impact. He also admitted that despite the fact that wishbone was slightly bent it was not possible to certify that the car was unsafe to drive.

The Stewards determined that despite Car 7 having spun and contacted the barrier at Turn 12, it cannot be proved that Car 7 was released in an unsafe condition.

Therefore, decided not to take any further action.

Finally, the Stewards remind all competitors that it is the responsibility of the Team to release the Car in a safe condition from the pit stop position.

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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