



2024 MELBOURNE EVENT

21 - 24 March

From	The Stewards	Document	46
To	The Team Manager, PREMA Racing	Date	23 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 1 - Dino Beganovic

Competitor PREMA Racing

Time 11:53

Session Race 1

Fact Car 1 (Beganovic) gained a lasting sporting advantage on Car 11 (Montoya) while leaving the track.

Infringement 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 F3 Sporting Regulations.

There are no penalty points associated with this decision.

Reason The Stewards examined video evidence. They summoned and heard the Drivers and Team Representatives (documents 33 & 34).

Car 1 (Beganovic) and Car 11 (Montoya) exited Turn 3 and approached Turn 4 nearly side by side, with Car 1 on the inside and Car 11 on the outside while Car 1 was attempting a pass on Car 11. At the apex of Turn 4, the Driver of Car 1 had his left front tire on the apex kerbing with about a wheel's width of open track separating his car from Car 11. Whether Car 1 had room on the apex of the turn without using the kerbing was and remains a matter of opinion. Both cars tracked to the exit of the corner where they ended up with all four wheels outside of the track limits.

Once Car 1 exceeded track limits at the exit of Turn 4, it no longer met the test for completing a successful pass on Car 11 at the turn.

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determine that Car 1 gained a lasting sporting advantage on Car 11 while leaving the track and was required to give that advantage and the position back to avoid a penalty. Car 1 did not give the position back as required by the F2/F3 Driving Standards Guidelines and is penalized for breaching the F3 Sporting Regulations and the Code of Driving Conduct in Appendix L of the International Sporting Code. Noting that Car 1's left front tire was on the kerb, which may somewhat have unbalanced the car, the Stewards consider the breach to be somewhat mitigated and assess a five second time penalty rather than the ten second penalty normally assessed under the F2/F3 Penalty Guidelines.

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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