



# 2024 SAKHIR EVENT

## 28 February to 2 March 2024

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<b>From</b>	The Stewards	<b>Document</b>	23
<b>To</b>	The Team Manager, PHM AIX Racing	<b>Date</b>	29 February 2024
		<b>Time</b>	18:21

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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** 28 - Joshua Dufek

**Competitor** PHM AIX Racing

**Time** 16:24

**Session** Qualifying

**Fact** Car 28 (Dufek) entered the Support Pit Lane, which is counter to the Race Director's Notes.

**Infringement** Breach of Article 12.2.1.i of the FIA International Sporting Code.

**Decision** Warning

**Reason** The Stewards examined video evidence and radio communication transcript. They summoned and heard the driver and team representative (document 19).

During the session, Car 28 entered the Support Pit Lane, which is counter to the Race Director's Notes as they were clearly covered at the Drivers' Briefing. The Driver admitted to a momentary case of brain fade coupled with muscle memory from the previous test sessions at this circuit, which caused him to enter the Support Pit Lane rather than the F1 Pit Lane where he intended to go.

As he entered the Support Pit Lane, he realized his mistake and notified his team by radio, asking for instructions to get to the F1 Pit Lane. The Team directed him to continue, while they contacted the Race Director to ask permission to proceed to the F1 Pit Lane. The situation was complicated by the loss of locating data on the car, which did not allow the Team to accurately monitor the car's position. Under direction of the marshals, the Driver proceeded via an internal access road to return to the F1 Pit Lane in a completely safe manner. While the Driver clearly breached the referenced article, the breach is somewhat mitigated by the loss of locating data for the Team. For these reasons, the minimum penalty of a Warning is assessed.

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.

**Silvia Bellot**

**Dennis Dean**

**Faisal Al Shafie**

**The Stewards**