



## 2024 YAS MARINA EVENT

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<b>To</b>	The Team Manager, Van Amersfoort Racing	<b>Date</b>	06 December 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** 14 - John Bennett

**Competitor** Van Amersfoort Racing

**Time** 15:09

**Session** Qualifying

**Fact** Car 14 (Bennett) was alleged to have impeded Car 5 (Fornaroli) in Turn 16 in Qualifying.

**Infringement** Alleged breach of Article 31.6 of the FIA Formula 2 Sporting Regulations.

**Decision** No further action.

**Reason** The Stewards examined video and GPS evidence. They summoned and heard the drivers and team representatives (documents 21 & 22).

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determined that Car 14 was on a 'prep' lap entering T16 to start a fast lap, following other cars on the same running programme. Car 5 was at the end of its fast lap and caught up with Car 14 on the entry to Turn 16, just as Car 14 was accelerating to start its fast lap.

The Driver of Car 5 stated that he was affected by Car 14 and lost a couple of tenths, which was confirmed by looking at the mini-sectors.

The Driver of Car 14 stated that he accelerated as soon as he saw Car 5 approaching in his mirrors and that he could not take his preferred racing line to start his fast lap because he wanted to get out of the way of Car 5 as quickly as possible. The Driver of Car 5 accepted the explanation given by the Driver of Car 14 and acknowledged that it would have been difficult for the Driver of Car 14 to have done a better job to avoid this situation.

The Stewards are of the opinion that Car 5 was impeded, but that the threshold of "unnecessarily impeding" referred to in Article 31.5 was not reached in this particular case. The Stewards therefore elect to take no further action.

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.

**Andrew Mallalieu**

**Mathieu Remmerie**

**Jeremy Doncaster**

## The Stewards