



## 2024 YAS MARINA EVENT

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| <b>From</b> | The Stewards                               | <b>Document</b> | 43               |
| <b>To</b>   | The Team Manager,<br>Van Amersfoort Racing | <b>Date</b>     | 07 December 2024 |
|             |  | <b>Time</b>     | 18:47            |

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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** 15 - Rafael Villagomez

**Competitor** Van Amersfoort Racing

**Time** 16:29

**Session** Race 1

**Fact** Car 15 (Villagomez) was alleged to have gone off track and gained a lasting advantage over Car 22 (Esterson) at the exit of Turn 1.

**Infringement** Alleged breach of Article 27.3 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 36 & 37).

Car 15 attempted an inside pass on Car 22 at T16. As they left T16 on to start/finish straight the cars were side by side. They remained this way the entire straight. As they entered T1 and through to the apex, Car 15 was on the outside and remained fully alongside. It was not possible to clearly determine if either driver was ahead at the turn in point, the apex nor the exit. At the exit of T1 Car 22 used almost all of the track leaving approximately a wheel width to the outside. The driver of Car 15 in reaction to avoid a collision went fully off track and then rejoined between Turns 1 and 2 again fully alongside or possibly slightly behind. Car 22 was then going to be on the outside into Turn 3 and decided to lift the throttle at T2 and Car 15 completed the pass by T3.

In the hearing both drivers reported that they considered the entire sequence good hard racing. The Stewards determined that the threshold to conclude that the driver of car 15 had gained a lasting advantage was not met and that the entire sequence could be considered fair racing.

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**