



2024 YAS MARINA EVENT

5 to 8 December

From	The Stewards	Document	26
To	The Team Manager, Invicta Racing	Date	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 9 - Kush Maini

Competitor Invicta Racing

Time 15:09

Session Qualifying

Fact Car 9 (Maini) unnecessarily impeded Car 7 (Crawford) at Turn 16 in Qualifying.

Infringement Breach of Article 31.6 of the FIA Formula 2 Sporting Regulations and item 11.1 of the Race Director Event Notes V2.

Decision A drop of 3 places on the grid for the next race in which the driver participates. No driver penalty points are associated with this infringement.

Reason The Stewards examined video & GPS evidence. They summoned and heard the drivers and team representatives (documents 19 & 20).

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determined that Car 7 was on a push lap and caught the back of the field who were about to start their own push laps. Between turns 15 and 16, Car 9 was on the racing line driving slowly and preparing to start a push lap. Car 7 caught Car 9 with a high speed delta. The Driver of Car 9 indicated that he did not have any information from the Team regarding the approach of Car 7 and that this section of the track is quite "blind" for the drivers. The Team Manager of Car 9 admitted that they did alert the Driver to the approach of Car 7, but too late. The Driver of Car 9 attempted to move out of the way of Car 7 but the Driver of Car 7 simultaneously turned in the same direction as Car 9. Car 7 then braked sharply and turned left to avoid Car 9. While the incident looked dangerous on the replay and the difference in speed was quite high, the Stewards concluded that the evasive actions of the Driver of Car 9 were not the cause of the danger but rather the configuration of the circuit and the nature of preparation vs push laps contributed to this during qualifying. Accordingly the Stewards used the standard penalty of 3 grid drop positions for the Driver of Car 9.

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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