

2024 AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX

22 - 24 March 2024

From	The Stewards	Document	36
To	The Team Manager, Oracle Red Bull Racing	Date	23 March 2024
		Time	19:00

The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 32 & 33) and heard from the drivers and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver11 - Sergio Perez

CompetitorOracle Red Bull Racing

Time16:03

SessionQualifying

FactCar 11 unnecessarily impeding Car 27 in Turn 13.

InfringementBreach of Article 37.5 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

DecisionDrop of 3 grid positions for the next Race in which the driver participates.

Reason

The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 11 (Sergio Perez), the driver of Car 16 (Nico Hulkenberg), team representatives and reviewed positioning/marshalling system data, video, telemetry, team radio and in-car video evidence.

Hulkenberg was on a fast lap when he approached turn 13. Perez, who was on an out lap was at the apex of the turn and Hulkenberg had to leave the racing line to drive around him. Hulkenberg was forced to lift the throttle early and brake early for that corner.

In reviewing the audio from Perez car, the Stewards observed that the team was focused on the car in front of Perez that had just slowed, and did not give Perez a warning that Hulkenberg was behind him until one second before Hulkenberg arrived, and significantly too late to avoid impeding Hulkenberg.

While the Stewards appreciate the dynamic situation facing the team and driver during the Q1 session, which was described in the hearing, the Stewards find that Perez Unnecessarily Impeded Hulkenberg and issue a three grid place drop, consistent with previous cases.

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.

Decisions of the Stewards are taken independently of the FIA and are based solely on the relevant regulations, guidelines and evidence presented.

Tim Mayer

Matteo Perini

Johnny Herbert

Matthew Selley

The Stewards