

2023 AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX

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To	The Team Manager, Scuderia Ferrari	Date	02 April 2023
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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 55 - Carlos Sainz

Competitor Scuderia Ferrari

Time 17:00

Session Race

Fact Causing a collision

Offence Breach of Appendix L, Chapter IV, Article 2 d) of the FIA International Sporting Code.

Decision 5 second time penalty.
2 penalty points (total of 2 for the 12 month period)

Reason The Stewards reviewed positioning/marshalling system data, video, timing, telemetry, team radio and in-car video evidence and determined that on the first corner of the restart, a collision occurred between Car 55 and Car 14. We determined that Car 55 was wholly to blame for the collision.

Car 14 was significantly ahead of Car 55 at the first corner and nevertheless Car 55 drove into Car 14, causing it to spin and leave the track. We accordingly imposed a 5-second penalty on Car 55.

For avoidance of doubt, we took into account the fact that this collision took place at the first lap of the restart, when, by convention, the Stewards would typically take a more lenient view of incidents.

However, in this particular case, notwithstanding the fact that it was the equivalent of a first lap incident, we considered that there was sufficient gap for Car 55 to take steps to avoid the collision and failed to do so.

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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