

2019 BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX

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To	The Team Manager, Rich Energy Haas F1 Team	Date	30 March 2019
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 20 and 21) and heard from the drivers and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 8 - Romain Grosjean

Competitor Rich Energy Haas F1 Team

Time 18:08

Session Qualifying

Fact Driving unnecessarily slowly and impeding car 4 in turn 14.

Offence Breach of Article 31.5 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

Decision A drop of 3 grid positions in accordance with Article 31.4 of the Formula One Sporting Regulations.
(1 penalty point awarded, 8 points in total for the 12 month period).

Reason The Stewards reviewed video evidence and heard from the driver of car 8 (Romain Grosjean) and the driver of car 4 (Lando Norris) and the team representatives.
The driver of car 8 stated that he was about to commence a push lap when he was overtaken by car 5 and thus slowed significantly to maintain a sufficient gap. He was not advised by the team of the rapid approach of car 4, which was on a push lap. The speed differential was 136 km/h at the point where car 4 had to take avoiding action. The Stewards accept that the driver of car 8 did not intentionally intend to impede, however it is the driver's responsibility to be aware, when travelling abnormally slowly that faster cars may be approaching.
Competitors are reminded that, in accordance with Article 12.2.4 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Article 17.2 of the Formula One Sporting Regulations, the above penalty is not susceptible to appeal.

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