

2024 BELGIAN GRAND PRIX

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To	The Team Manager, Kick Sauber F1 Team	Date	27 July 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 24 - Zhou Guanyu

Competitor Kick Sauber F1 Team

Time 16:12

Session Qualifying

Fact Car 24 impeding Car 1 in turn 17 at 16:12.

Infringement Breach of Article 37.5 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

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

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 24 (Zhou Guanyu), the driver of Car 1 (Max Verstappen), team representatives and reviewed positioning/marshalling system data, video, telemetry, team radio and in-car video evidence.

Car 24 stayed on the racing line through Turn 17 when Car 1 was closing in despite not going at full racing speed. Car 1 had to lift the throttle for a brief moment before passing Car 24.

The Stewards acknowledge that team informed the driver about Car 1 being behind him, but the information given was not accurate enough. However, it is the responsibility of the driver to not unnecessarily impede other drivers. The Stewards determine that Car 24 did unnecessarily impede Car 1 and therefore the standard penalty is applied.

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.

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