

# 2025 JAPANESE GRAND PRIX

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<b>To</b>	The Team Manager, Atlassian Williams Racing	<b>Date</b>	06 April 2025
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Media Delegate, summoned (document 46) and heard from the driver, Dr Messina of Med-Ex, and the team representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**No / Driver** 55 - Carlos Sainz

**Competitor** Atlassian Williams Racing

**Time** 13:44

**Session** Pre-race

**Fact** The driver was not in place for the National Anthem at the specified time of 1344hrs.

**Infringement** Breach of Article 19.4 b) of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

**Decision** The Driver Carlos Sainz is fined 20,000 of which 10,000 is suspended for a period of 12 months subject to there being no further breach of the above Article 19.4.b) during that period.

**Reason** The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 55 (Carlos Sainz), the team representative and Dr Messina of Med-Ex, and reviewed video evidence.

The Driver arrived at the National Anthem Position after the Anthem had commenced.

During the Drivers Briefing on Friday all drivers were reminded of the requirement to be in position by the time prescribed in the regulations and the need to show respect for the host country's Anthem.

It is noted that the Penalty Guidelines prescribed in Appendix B of the FIA International Sporting Code, list a penalty for this offence, of 60,000. However in mitigation, the Driver stated that just prior to the Anthem, he experienced discomfort due to a stomach issue which delayed his appearance on the grid. This was verified by Dr Messina of Med-Ex who confirmed the issue and stated he had provided appropriate medication for the Driver.

Notwithstanding the above, displaying respect for the National Anthem is a high priority and all parties need to consider every eventuality in planning to be in position for the Anthem by the required time. Hence a penalty similar to that imposed for a similar breach in Canada in 2024, is imposed.

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.

**Garry Connelly**

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