

2023 ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX

24 - 26 November 2023

From	The Stewards	Document	23
To	The Team Manager, Williams Racing	Date	24 November 2023
		Time	17:00

The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 17 & 18) and heard from the driver and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 2 - Logan Sargeant

Competitor Williams Racing

Time 13:57

Session Practice 1

Fact Erratic driving between Turns 15 and 16.

Infringement Breach of Appendix L, Chapter IV, Article 2 e) of the International Sporting Code.

Decision Reprimand (Driving).
This is the driver's 2nd reprimand of the season.
The competitor (Williams Racing) is fined 5,000.

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 2 (Logan Sargeant), team representatives of both cars and reviewed positioning/marshalling system data, video, team radio and in-car video evidence.

The driver of Car 2 was preparing for a push lap and the radio communication from his engineer was almost entirely about preparation for that lap. The driver only received warning of the approach of Car 61, 1 second prior to its arrival. This could easily have resulted in a collision.

In mitigation it was noted that 50% of the field were substitute drivers and hence there were many different run plans in operation, making it hard for teams to predict whether cars were going to be on push laps or otherwise.

However, on a circuit where there are a number of places where it is not possible for the driver to have effective use of the mirrors to see approaching cars, it is essential that priority of radio communications be given to warning the driver, of other cars, rather than information for the preparation of a push lap. Accordingly a fine for the team is warranted.

All teams are reminded that they are expected to provide their drivers with adequate warning of approaching cars in all practice sessions but especially in Qualification and that failure to do so will be investigated.

A reprimand for the driver is warranted because he changed direction too late rather than remaining on a predictable line.

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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