

2025 EMILIA ROMAGNA GRAND PRIX

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From	The Stewards	Document	28
To	The Team Manager, BWT Alpine Formula 1 Team	Date	17 May 2025
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 26) and heard from the driver and team representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 43 - Franco Colapinto

Competitor BWT Alpine Formula 1 Team

Time 16:17

Session Qualifying

Fact Entering fast lane in the pit lane before a re-start time was confirmed.

Infringement Breach of Article 12.2.1 i) of the International Sporting Code and non-compliance with Race Director's Event Note (item 17, document 4).

Decision Drop of 1 grid position for the next Race in which the driver participates.

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 43 (Franco Colapinto), team representative and reviewed video, team radio and in-car video evidence and determined as follows:

The team representative stated that he gave the instruction for the car to creep out but not be fully released. The driver misunderstood the instruction and entered the fast lane before the re-start time was officially confirmed in breach of the Race Director's event notes. Once this was done, it was too late to reverse course and the team instructed the driver to proceed down the pit lane.

The team argued that there was no sporting advantage gained in this case as there was sufficient time remaining for other teams to perform their run plans as this was the start of the session. The team representative and the driver apologised for the inadvertent breach.

The Stewards consider that this breach was inadvertent but it did require a sporting penalty to be imposed. However as the breach was unintentional and this did not result in any sporting advantage, we decided to impose a one position grid penalty.

A similar breach in different circumstances, could entail a more severe sporting penalty, in future.

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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