

# 2020 PORTUGUESE GRAND PRIX

## 22 to 25 October

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 56 and 57) and heard from the drivers and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**No / Driver** 11 - Sergio Perez

**Competitor** BWT Racing Point F1 Team

**Time** 14:39

**Session** Race

**Fact** Moved in a manner potentially dangerous.

**Offence** Breach of Article 27.4 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

**Decision** Reprimand (Driving)  
(This is the driver's 2nd reprimand of the season)

**Reason** The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 11 (Sergio Perez), the driver of car 10 (Pierre Gasly), team representatives and have reviewed multiple angles of video evidence.

The Stewards determined that on lap 64 of the race at the end of the main straight, Perez moved in defence at the exact same time that Gasly who was overtaking to the right having slipstreamed Perez down the straight. Gasly's move was made before the braking zone and was entirely reasonable.

As Gasly was moving to the right with significantly greater speed, Perez moved to the right and then continued to move in front of Gasly for a significant portion of the track but stopped having left a car width to the inside.

The Stewards noted that earlier this year, the drivers discussed late movement in reaction moves and agreed that they were potentially very dangerous. The Steward considered that this move was at the fastest portion of the track, but also noted that Perez did not move in reaction, but rather moved first or simultaneously. Further he is entitled to make a single defensive move, but such a move cannot constitute a danger to another driver.

In the hearing, both drivers agreed that while on the limit, this manoeuvre was fundamentally okay and constituted racing at the limit. The Stewards however, believe that this was too close to that limit and that Perez had not sufficiently accounted for the speed differential. In selecting a penalty, the Stewards have taken into account the views of the drivers involved and ordered a Reprimand (Driving.)

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

Article 10.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

**Tim Mayer**

**Felix Holter**

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**Paulo Magalhaes**

**The Stewards**