

# 2024 CANADIAN GRAND PRIX

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 31) and heard from the driver and team representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**No / Driver** 1 - Max Verstappen

**Competitor** Oracle Red Bull Racing

**Time** 16:25

**Session** Qualifying

**Fact** Pit Lane incident.

**Infringement** Alleged breach of Article 34.8 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations and Appendix L, Chapter IV, Article 5 b) of the International Sporting Code.

**Decision** No further action.

**Reason** The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 1 (Max Verstappen), team representative and reviewed video and in-car video evidence.

The team stated in the hearing that they assumed Car 1 had crossed the solid white line separating the fast lane from the working lane when it was released from the garage and therefore followed the procedure outlined in Article 34.8 to leave the pit lane in the order the cars arrived there. The Stewards determine that this assumption was inaccurate as no wheel of Car 1 had crossed the solid white line separating the fast lane from the working lane. It is noted that the fast lane is demarcated as the lane (marked by two solid white lines) closest to the pit wall. Any other white lines and/or painted areas have no relevance in this context.

Given the fact that Car 1 was not in the fast lane at the start of the session, the regulations and the Race Director's Event Notes (item 11, document 29) only required the driver to blend into the fast lane as soon as it is safe to do so, meaning that if there is a suitable gap in a queue of cars in the fast lane, and without unnecessarily impeding cars already in the fast lane. The Steward contend that these requirements were fulfilled and take no further action.

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.

**Felix Holter**

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