

2024 ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX

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To	The Team Manager, MoneyGram Haas F1 Team	Date	07 December 2024
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 33) and heard from the driver and team representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver	27 - Nico Hulkenberg
Competitor	MoneyGram Haas F1 Team
Time	18:15
Session	Qualifying
Fact	Car 27 overtook 2 cars in the tunnel section of the pit exit road.
Infringement	Breach of Article 12.2.1 i) of the International Sporting Code and Note 12.4 of the Race Director's Event Notes (document 13).
Decision	Drop of 3 grid positions for the next Race in which the driver participates.
Reason	<p>The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 27 (Nico Hulkenberg), team representative and reviewed marshalling system data, video, timing and in-car video evidence.</p> <p>The driver did not dispute during the hearing that he did not follow the Race Director instructions, but stated that he had no other option but to breach the rules in order to get a lap in.</p> <p>Whilst the Stewards acknowledge that the position of the team's garages limits their options to send the cars out on track, this can never be used as an excuse to breach any regulations. The prohibition of overtaking in certain areas as the pit lane or, in this case, the pit exit, is implemented to prevent potentially dangerous situations and therefore the Stewards determine that a grid drop is warranted in this case.</p> <p>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.</p>

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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