

2023 ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX

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To	The Team Manager, Oracle Red Bull Racing	Date	26 November 2023
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The Stewards summoned (document 58) and heard from the driver and team representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 11 - Sergio Perez

Competitor Oracle Red Bull Racing

Time 18:31

Session Race

Fact Statements made over team radio.

Infringement Breach of Article 12.2.1 k) of the International Sporting Code.

Decision Formal warning.

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 11 (Sergio Perez), the team representative and reviewed team radio.

The Stewards explained to the driver that they had no issue with someone disagreeing with their decisions, however comments that amount to personal insults are a breach of the International Sporting Code.

The Stewards note that they are obviously conflicted in this matter as they were the subject of the radio statements and that normally this would be referred to the next panel of Stewards however as this is the final event of the season, the matter needed to be dealt with here.

The driver made a genuine and sincere apology to each of the Stewards and explained that he made the comments in the heat of the moment and did not consider the fact that they would be broadcast, and the impact of that. He expressed his regret that his comments caused offence to anyone or harm to the sport, which he said he was concerned to avoid. The Stewards accept his statements and accept his apology.

The Stewards also note that the driver is not known for making such comments and has always been extremely respectful in Stewards hearings. He was also reminded that the Stewards are always available to explain their decisions when requested by a driver or team representative.

The driver, team manager and the Stewards had a constructive discussion about the use and broadcast of team radio messages. The incident itself was also reviewed in detail with the driver and although he still disagreed with the Decision he stated he could understand the Stewards' perspective of the incident.

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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