

2023 SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX

15 - 17 September

From	The Stewards	Document	30
To	The Team Manager, Oracle Red Bull Racing	Date	17 September 2023
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 1 - Max Verstappen

Competitor Oracle Red Bull Racing

Time 21:14

Session Qualifying

Fact Car 1 unnecessarily impeding cars exiting the Pit Lane at 21:14.

Infringement Breach of Article 37.5 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

Decision Reprimand (Driving).

This is the driver's 1st reprimand of the season.

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 1 (Max Verstappen), team representative and reviewed positioning/marshalling system data, video, timing and team radio. The driver stated that he waited (approximately 14 seconds) to leave the Pit Exit in order to create a gap to the cars in front. The team representative explained that his gap was negated by Turn 5 due to other cars slowing on the out lap, whilst the car behind car 1 had increased its gap to 12 seconds. Whilst no obvious advantage was gained by the driver in waiting at the Pit Exit for what is deemed to be an extraordinary long time, the potential for this to negatively impact other drivers warrants a penalty. Whilst it is noted that the car behind could have overtaken car 1, it is preferable that cars depart the pit exit in an orderly manner.

The stewards determine that car 1 breached Article 37.5 of the Sporting Regulations and hence a penalty of a Reprimand is appropriate.

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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