

2023 DUTCH GRAND PRIX

25 - 27 August 2023

From	The Stewards	Document	47
To	The Team Manager, Scuderia Ferrari	Date	26 August 2023
		Time	19:05

The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 40 & 41) and heard from the drivers and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 55 - Carlos Sainz

Competitor Scuderia Ferrari

Time 15:12

Session Qualifying

Fact Potentially Dangerous manoeuvre by Car 55 between turns 1 and 2 at 15:12.

Infringement Breach of Appendix L, Chapter IV, Article 2 e) of the International Sporting Code.

Decision Reprimand (Driving).

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

The competitor (Ferrari) is fined €5000.

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 55 (Carlos Sainz), the driver of Car 81 (Oscar Piastri), team representatives and reviewed positioning/marshalling system data, video, team radio and in-car video evidence.

Sainz was exiting the pits and immediately moved to the racing line before turn 2. In doing so Piastri who was on track, had to take avoiding action and was partially forced off track and onto the grass. In the opinion of the Stewards this was a "Potentially Dangerous" manoeuvre, and a crash was only avoided by the actions of Piastri.

The Stewards listened to the radio of Bottas, who was the car that exited the pits immediately ahead of Sainz, and Bottas was given ample warning of Piastri approaching on the track. By comparison Sainz was warned not to cross the white line at the exit of the pits, and was not warned about Piastri until he was already alongside.

Sainz explained that he had briefly caught sight of Piastri as he was rounding turn 1 at the pit exit and gauged that Piastri was on a slow lap. From then on he did not see Piastri because of the relative angle of the cars. He also explained that he was trying to get to the drying line as quickly as possible.

While the Stewards understand this explanation, in their opinion, Sainz rapid move to the line, while unable to see a car that he knew was in the area created a "Potentially Dangerous" situation. The Stewards also felt that the team contributed to this situation and therefore issue a team fine.

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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