



2026 CHINESE GRAND PRIX

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To	The Team Manager, BWT Alpine F1 Team	Date	13 March 2026
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 25 & 26) and heard from the drivers and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 10 - Pierre Gasly

Competitor BWT Alpine F1 Team

Time 15:57

Session Sprint Qualifying

Fact Car 10 allegedly impeded Car 3 at Turn 14

Infringement Alleged breach of Article B4.1.1 of the FIA F1 Regulations.

Decision No further action.

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 10 (Pierre Gasly), the driver of Car 3 (Max Verstappen) and the team representatives and reviewed telemetry, team radio, video and in-car video evidence.

Car 3 was on a push lap and came across Car 10 on what the driver of Car 3 described as his optimal racing line at the exit of turn 14. Car 3 had to drive around Car 10 but did not lift. The driver of Car 10 explained that he was aware of Car 3's approach and considered that the safest option was to stay to the left edge of the track. The driver of Car 3 said that the position of Car 10 affected his preferred line but he said that he was not impeded.

Although the Stewards considered that the driver of Car 10 could theoretically have taken a different approach to the turn and stayed to the right at the exit, given the concession by the driver of Car 3 that he was not unnecessarily impeded by Car 10 in this case, we determined to 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 5 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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