



2026 JAPANESE GRAND PRIX

27 - 29 March 2026

From	The Stewards	Document	23
To	The Team Manager, Visa Cash App Racing Bulls F1 Team	Date	27 March 2026
		Time	15:14

The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 30 - Liam Lawson

Competitor Visa Cash App Racing Bulls F1 Team

Time 12:06

Session Free Practice 1

Fact Car 55 was travelling slowly ahead of Car 30 at the exit of turn 11.

Infringement Alleged breach of Article B1.8.5 of the FIA F1 Regulations.

Decision No further action.

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 30 (Liam Lawson), the driver of Car 55 (Carlos Sainz), team representatives and reviewed team radio and in-car video evidence.

Car 55 passed Car 30 after turn 9 and then slowed considerably through turns 10 and 11 with Car 30 close behind. It appeared from the video that the Driver of Car 55 had unnecessarily slowed to baulk Car 30 after Car 55 had been affected by Car 30 at turn 9, gone wide and then abandoned his push lap. However, the Driver of Car 55 explained that he had slowed because he had received a message from his team that another car, Car 34 (Jak Crawford), was approaching from behind on a push lap and the Driver of Car 55 was slowing only to ensure that he did not impede Car 34. The Driver of Car 55's account was confirmed by the team radio and Car 34 passed both Car 55 and Car 30 after the exit of turn 11. The Stewards therefore 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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