



## 2026 MELBOURNE EVENT

5 to 8 March 2026

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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** 20 - Louis Sharp

**Competitor** PREMA Racing

**Time** 11:31

**Session** Race 1

**Fact** Car 20 (Sharp) collided with Car 21 (Wharton) at Turn 5.

**Infringement** Breach of Appendix L, Chapter IV, Article 2 (d) of the FIA International Sporting Code.

**Decision** Ten second (10) time penalty in accordance with Article 39.3 (b) of the FIA F3 Sporting Regulations. In addition, 2 points to be added to the driver's record. Total for the 2026 season = 2 points.

**Reason** The stewards examined video and telemetry evidence. Having considered the matter extensively, the stewards determine Cars 20 (SHA) and 21 (WHA) had been racing hard since Turn 1 with WHA leading. They got side by side in Turn 3 and SHA attempted an outside pass on (WHA) at Turn 4. SHA was not ahead at the apex and had not earned the right to be given room on the exit. WHA properly made a full exit which caused SHA to exceed track limits on the exit. The stewards accept that SHA could not simply disappear even though he was obliged to concede the corner. At this point, SHA was required to rejoin safely and without gaining a lasting advantage. Telemetry indicated that SHA maintained full throttle in the runoff area which put him in position to set up for an inside pass at Turn 5. Being in position to attack, when he should have properly conceded, constituted an advantage to which SHA was not entitled.

WHA turned into Turn 5 and collided with SHA who was midway alongside. Regardless of the question of gaining an advantage, SHA had not established sufficient position to have gained the right to racing room on the inside. The stewards determine that SHA is wholly responsible for the collision and elect to apply the standard penalty.

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.

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## The Stewards