



2026 MELBOURNE EVENT

5 to 8 March 2026

From	The Stewards	Document	36
To	The Team Manager, DAMS Lucas Oil	Date	08 March 2026
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Technical Delegate, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 29 - Nicola Lacorte

Competitor DAMS Lucas Oil

Time 08:50

Session Race 2

Fact Car 29 (Lacorte) did not have the start set-up procedure activated when leaving the grid to start the formation lap.

Infringement Breach of Article 37.6 of the FIA Formula 3 Sporting Regulations.

Decision Ten second time penalty in accordance with Article 39.3 (b) of the FIA Formula 3 Sporting Regulations. No driver penalty points are associated with this penalty.

Reason The Stewards summoned the driver and team representative (Document 33) and heard the driver, team representative and Technical Delegate. The Technical Delegate provided ECU data from Car 29 that confirmed that the Start set-up procedure was not activated when LAC left the grid to start the formation lap. The team accepted the accuracy of the data. LAC stated that he believed that he had activated the Start set-up procedure, but after moving off discovered that it had not been activated.

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determined that LAC was in breach of Article 37.6 of the FIA Formula 3 Sporting Regulations. A 10 second time penalty is applied in accordance with the 2026 FIA F3 penalty guidelines.

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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