

Max Verstappen pierde la pole del GP de Qatar por sanción; George Russell liderará la parrilla

Max Verstappen, campeón mundial de Fórmula 1 2024, había logrado la pole position para el Gran Premio de Qatar, penúltima fecha del calendario, pero una sanción de la FIA lo relegó al segundo puesto en la grilla de salida.

El neerlandés fue penalizado por ir “innecesariamente lento” en la Q3, acción que perjudicó al británico George Russell, quien finalmente se quedó con la primera posición.

Here's George Russell's onboard:

- *His engineer tells him about Max and Alonso.*
- *George sees both Max and Alonso clearly.*
- *George sees that the gap between Max and Alonso is small.*

This was never a penalty, that's why they invented one.
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– Marc  (@433_marc) [December 1, 2024](#)

El incidente ocurrió cuando Verstappen circulaba a baja velocidad enfriando neumáticos, lo que obligó a Russell, de Mercedes, a realizar una maniobra evasiva que lo llevó a la grava. “Terminé atravesando la grava por todo el piso, así que espero que no haya dañado el coche”, comentó Russell. Tras revisar telemetría, radios y videos, la FIA determinó que

Verstappen incumplió las notas del director de carrera, lo que justificó la penalización.



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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 43 & 44) and heard from the drivers and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 1 - Max Verstappen

Competitor Oracle Red Bull Racing

Time 21:58

Session Qualifying

Fact Car 1 drove unnecessarily slowly on a cool down lap.

Infringement Breach of Article 33.4 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

Decision Drop of 1 grid position for the next Race in which the driver participates.
1 penalty point (total of 6 for the 12 month period).

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 1 (Max Verstappen), the driver of Car 63 (George Russell), team representatives and reviewed positioning/marshalling system data, video, timing, telemetry, team radio and in-car video evidence.

Car 1 was on a different preparation strategy to that of Car 63. Car 1 was well outside of the delta and the driver of Car 1 explained he had let Cars 4 and 14 past. The driver of Car 63 claimed that he had adhered to the delta and did not expect Car 1 to be on the racing line. He stated that if a car was going slow in a high speed corner, it should not be on the racing line.

The Stewards regard this case as a complicated one in that clearly Car 1 did not comply with the Race Director's Event Notes and clearly was driving, in our determination, unnecessarily slowly considering the circumstances.

It was obvious the driver of Car 1 was attempting to cool his tyres. He also could see Car 63 approaching as he looked in his mirror multiple times whilst on the small straight between Turns 11 and 12.

Unusually, this incident occurred when neither car was on a push lap. Had Car 63 been on a push lap, the penalty would have most likely been the usual 3 grid position penalty, however in mitigation of penalty, it was obvious that the driver of Car 63 had clear visibility of Car 1 and that neither car was on a push lap.

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

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El compañero de Verstappen, Sergio "Checo" Pérez, partirá noveno, su mejor posición desde Austin, luego de varias clasificaciones complicadas. Pérez también fue sancionado por un incidente con Russell, pero buscará recuperar terreno rápidamente, con la mira en superar al Aston Martin de Fernando Alonso (octavo) y bloquear el avance de Ferrari.

Ferrari y McLaren en lucha estratégica

Ferrari, que enfrenta una dura batalla en el campeonato de constructores, buscará posiciones agresivas para superar a McLaren y defenderse de Mercedes. Charles Leclerc y Carlos Sainz partirán detrás de los autos dominantes de Red Bull y Mercedes, mientras que McLaren podría optar por una estrategia conservadora, reaccionando a los movimientos de sus rivales.

Horarios de la carrera

El Gran Premio de Qatar se disputará este domingo a las 10:00 a.m. (hora del centro de México) y mediodía en la costa este de los Estados Unidos. Se espera una competencia intensa en el circuito de Lusail, con estrategias clave para definir posiciones rumbo al cierre del campeonato en Abu Dabi.