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Enclosed BRA DOC 52 - Infringement - NOR - Sprint Shootout SC2-SC1 Times - Corrected
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Session Sprint Shootout

Fact The car below exceeded the 1:14.0-time limit between the Safety Car lines.

No	Car	Driver	Competitor	Time of Day	Lap
1	4	Lando Norris	McLaren F1 Team	11:10:04	5 (SQ1)

Infringement Breach of Article 33.4 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations and Article 12.2.1 i) of the FIA International Sporting Code (non-compliance with the Race Director's Event Notes, item 4.2, document 4).

Decision Reprimand.

Reason The Stewards thoroughly reviewed marshalling/positioning data, timing data and on-board cameras.

NOR completed a cool-down lap and maintained their delta for most of the lap while following TSU with a reasonable gap. TSU crossed SC2 Line just after LEC who was exiting the pit. Therefore, TSU had to slow down to create a gap between them and LEC, thus also impacting NOR. During the hearing NOR stated that they felt they had to decide between exceeding the delta time and overtaking TSU thereby risking impeding the latter.

The Stewards accept that the NOR made reasonable effort to not interfere with the car in front of them and was at the same time well aware that no car was behind them. Nonetheless, the cool-down lap of NOR was not impacted by other cars on flying laps. The Stewards determine that they could have done more to manage the delta time in a better way and therefore consider a reprimand to the driver to be appropriate.

Note 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 on the relevant regulations, guidelines and evidence presented.

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