

2025 MIAMI GRAND PRIX

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From	The Stewards	Document	26
To	The Team Manager, Oracle Red Bull Racing	Date	02 May 2025
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 21) and heard from the driver and team representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 1 - Max Verstappen

Competitor Oracle Red Bull Racing

Time 16:54

Session Sprint Qualifying

Fact Car 1 exceeded the time limit between the Safety Car lines.

Infringement Breach of Article 33.4 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations and non-compliance with Race Director's Event Note (item 1, document 10).

Decision Reprimand to the team.

Reason The Stewards heard from the driver of Car 1 (Max Verstappen), the team representative and reviewed video, timing, telemetry and in-car video evidence and determined as follows:

Car 1 was around 6 seconds above the required minimum time between Safety Car Lines 1 and 2 for one lap in SQ2, but complied with the requirement in all other laps. Telemetry showed that the driver was driving with a constant speed throughout the lap without any other cars around as if he was managing the delta at approx. 6 seconds off the relevant number.

During the hearing the team stated that due to a false programming in the car the delta time displayed in the car had an offset of 6 seconds and whilst the driver was managing the delta displayed he was constantly approx. 6 seconds above the minimum time. The team identified the problem by the end of the first cool-down lap and immediately instructed the driver to manage his speed in a way that he would be min. 6 seconds below the delta time displayed in the car, which he did in all following laps. This was confirmed by the telemetry.

The Stewards acknowledge that, whilst there has been a breach of the regulations, VER did not drive unnecessarily slowly based on the information he had in the and did not impede any other cars or create any dangerous situation and therefore determine that a penalty for the driver is not warranted. However, a Reprimand to the team is issued as they are responsible for ensuring that correct timing information is displayed in the car.

It is worth noting that in different circumstances a more severe penalty might be applied for a similar infringement.

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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