The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 20 - Kevin Magnussen

Competitor MoneyGram Haas F1 Team

Time 12:27

Session Sprint

Fact Leaving the track and gaining a lasting advantage.

Infringement Breach of Article 33.3 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

Decision 10 second time penalty.

3 penalty points (total of 8 for the 12 month period).

Reason

The Stewards reviewed video evidence and found that Car 20 braked late at turn 11 and went off the track. This resulted in Car 44, with whom Car 20 was fighting for position on track, having to leave the track as well. Car 44 got back to the track quickly but Car 20 continued off track and thereby stayed ahead of Car 44. This was the third instance of Car 20 leaving the track and gaining an advantage. We considered the penalty guidelines for such infringements which provide a baseline of a 10 second penalty with zero penalty points.

However, the guidelines also state:

“The points indicated are intended to be the norm for a particular offence. The Stewards may vary these, taking into account mitigating or aggravating circumstances. However, the authority of the Stewards to increase the points assessed is intended to be used only in exceptional circumstances.”

Taking into account the fact that this was the third instance of leaving the track and gaining an advantage in a single session, which we considered to be an aggravating circumstance, we impose 3 penalty points.

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.
Nish Shetty  Andrew Mallalieu
Vitantonio Liuzzi  Dennis Dean

The Stewards