

Cyprus Rally

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Subject: STEWARDS' DECISION N° 1

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From: The Stewards

To: The Competitor of Car no. 5, MOL Racing Team
Crew: Norbert HERCZIG / Ramón FERENCZ

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The Stewards, having received a report from the CoC and her Decision no. 1, with various documents attached, summoned and heard the above representative of the competitor, Mr. Zsolt Kajcsa and the drivers. Having considered the above issue, the Stewards determine as follows:

Facts: On 17.09.2019, the Deputy Chief Safety Officer stopped two rented cars on SS2 and took a picture of one of the drivers. The Deputy reported this in writing to the CoC giving the car registration no. ZMZ708 and MZZ866. The CoC contacted the police who submitted copy of the vehicle lease contract which was made out in the names of **Mr. Ramon Ferencz** and Mr. Kristian Ferencz.

In an email dated September 6, the team manager asked the organiser for a detailed map for the team's TV crew. Mr. Andreas Anatolitis (Ass. CoC) asked the team to wait until the following week for obvious reasons: "*Cyprus is too small, and we have to protect the special stages*".

Offence: FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations Art. 25.3 and Art. 25.4.2

Decision: Time penalty of 2 minutes

Reason: Mr. Kajcsa explained:

The drivers were not on the Special Stages. The two cars were checking the Special Stages for good camera positions along the stages. Since we have a contract with EUROSPORT we did this in all previous ERC events.

The co-driver states the picture taken by the Deputy shows my brother not me. Mr. Anatolitis says that despite his email dated September 6, there was no meeting with Mr. Kajcsa to give him any map of the special stages. The Media Guide book with the Special Stages was only published on the 25th of September. When Mr. Kajcsa was questioned how the TV crew could have obtained the maps of the Special Stages already before this date, he answered that he doesn't know.

The Stewards do not have any proof that any crew member was on Special Stage 2. However, according to the RRSR Art. 2.22 a team is made up of the competitor, the crew and support personnel. Article 25.3 of the RRSR specifies that as from the publication of the Rally Supplementary Regulations any team member wishing to drive on any road which is used as a Rally Special Stage, may only do so after obtaining the organiser's written permission. RRSR Art. 25.4.2 states that only with the express authorisation of the Clerk of the Course **any person connected with an entered crew may** travel on or over the route of a Special Stage of the Rally (except on foot) from the publication of the Rally Supplementary Regulations.

The Stewards conclude that the TV crew is connected to the competitor and are considered as support personnel. The presence of the TV crew on a Special Stage is a breach of the RRSR Art. 25.3 and Art. 25.4.2. Furthermore, the Stewards have taken into account that this breach of regulation was unintentional.

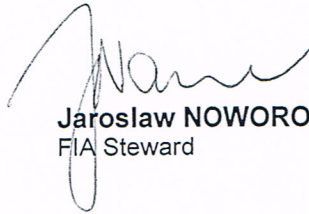
The Stewards considered the fine already inflicted by the Clerk of the Course as adequate. However, they feel that this infringement of the reconnaissance regulations may have led to the crew gaining an unfair advantage over fellow competitors and thus they decide to inflict a further penalty of 2 minutes.

The decision is based on ISC Art. 11.9.1 and ISC Art. 12.3.1.g

The Competitor is reminded of his right to appeal which is stipulated in the 2019 FIA International Sporting Code and in the 2019 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



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