

Rally Liepaja

30th June – 3rd July 2021



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Subject:	DECISION No. 19	Document No.:	2.22
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no 36 Name: Erdi team Kft. Crew : Tibor ERDI Jr. / Zoltan CSÖKŐ		
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The Stewards have received a report from the Clerk of the Course (Doc. No. 3.14). The Stewards, summoned, heard the drivers, have considered the matter, determine the following:

Facts: On 27 June 2021, at approx. 17.33 hrs a Suzuki with the Hungarian number plate "RTG 501" was seen on SS 2.

Offence: Breach of Art. 12.2.1.c of the Code
Breach of Art. 35.3, Art. 35.4.1 and Art. 35.4.2 of the FIA RRSR
Breach of Art. 9.2.4 of the Supplementary Regulation

Decision: **Not allocate ERC points for this event.**

Reason: As to the report of the CoC the deputy COC and Safety manager Dāvis Kalniņš while performing his duties in SS2, he recognised two persons who were on the stage with a Suzuki with Hungarian number plate "RTG 501" at the location Road Book page 1-29, pos. 24, km 21,17. Mr. Kalniņš requested that the car should stop by waving the hands. However, the car did not stop and speeded up to leave the place by the evacuation road Nr.3.

The crew of car no. 36 arrived in the Remote Service area with the same Suzuki with number plate "RTG 501". The car was marked with stickers as "Service car 36" and "Recce-Car 36". This is already surprising because the Competitor has registered a Peugeot with the registration number "KR9476" as a Recce-car.

The drivers explained that the car which was seen on SS 2 was used by photographer of the team and he used the road because the team had the hotel rooms in Talsi, which is close to this road. They said, that the crew has not been on this special stage.

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. 35.4.2 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.

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It is also surprising that the photographer did not stop when the Chief Safety Officer gave him a clear signal to stop. It is clear to Stewards that the photographer was aware that he should not have been on that road. The Stewards conclude that the photographer is connected to the competitor and is considered as support personnel. The presence of the photographer on a Special Stage is a breach of the RRSR Art. 25.3 and Art. 25.4.2.

Every competitor and driver should also be aware that visiting the SS before the scheduled time is not only unsportsmanlike towards his competitors, but also causes considerable difficulties for the organiser to get permits in the following year. The reputation of rallying is damaged by behaviour like this.

The Stewards 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 not to allocate any ERC points to the drivers and competitor for this event. The Stewards did not decide for a time penalty, because of the low number of entrants in ERC2 the competitor, even with a time penalty, would still get points.

All parties concerned 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 Article 9.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

According to Art. 12.3.3.b of the Code this decision of the Stewards becomes immediately binding even in the event of an appeal, since it concerns a any breach of Article 12.2.

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