

# Lahti Historic Rally

## 11.-13. August 2022



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Subject:	<b>DECISION No. 03</b>	Document No.:	<b>2.4</b>
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car No: <b>18 Sami Pajari</b> Crew: <b>Sami Pajari / Janni Hussi</b>		
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The Stewards, having received a report with photos from the FIA Eligibility Delegate, summoned and heard the drivers Mr. Sami Pajari and Ms. Janni Hussi have considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** In the regroup before the Service C, the pin was still in the plumbed-in Fire Extinguisher System.

**Offence:** Breach of Article 5.7 of Appendix K 2022 of the FIA International Sporting Code (Code)  
Breach of Article 253.7 of Appendix J 2022 of the Code  
Breach of Article 32.2.1 of the FIA European Historic Rally Championship Regulations.

**Decision:** **500 € fine**

In accordance with Article 12.8 FIA International Sporting Code, the payment of the fines must be done online, within 48 hours of their notification, at the following address: <https://fiafines.fia.com>. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

**Reason:** The drivers were informed accordingly by the Stewards and was given the possibility, if they wished, to bring forward any representations other than having forgotten to activate the extinguisher system.

The competitor informed that he would make further representations.

A hearing was held in the presence of driver and co-driver. The driver apologised for his lapse. He explained that although he is competing in the Junior WRC he has no experience with historic cars. The service personnel were bleeding the hand brake and put the pin into the bottle to avoid that it will be triggered. Obviously, the service forgot to remove the pin after the work. In WRC there is another system, which uses a switch and he is used to this system.

Appendix K Art. 5.7.3 states that cars competing in sporting rallies which include special stages must have both a hand-operated extinguisher and an extinguisher system complying with Articles 5.7.1 and 5.7.2 of Article 253.7 of Appendix J. As stipulated in Article 253.7 of Appendix J to the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code, the system must work in all positions. Article 253.7 of Appendix J to the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code does not specify when the system can be switched on or switched off. For this reason, **it must always be active during the rally**. The system must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

The fire extinguisher system is a major safety item to protect the crew in case of fire in the car. It is essential for the driver's safety and safety is one of the major concerns by the FIA. Safety remains a key challenge and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to protect, among others, the drivers.

It is further to be noted that the Clerk of the Course issued Communication No. 02 on 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 reminding all competitors about the activation of the extinguisher system.

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The Stewards therefore concluded that this was a breach of FIA Safety regulations.

The decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, art.11.9.2.a, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, and Art 12.4.1.c.

Competitors are reminded of their 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.

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FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

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FIA Steward

**Marjut HAIKO (FIN)**  
ASN Steward

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