

Rali Vinho da Madeira

03.-06. August 2022



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Subject:	DECISION No. 02	Document No.:	2.4
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no: 3 MIGUEL NUNES Crew: MIGUEL NUNES / ROBERTO CASTRO		
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The Stewards, having received a report with a video footage from the Clerk of the Course, a written request by the competitor, summoned and heard the drivers Mr. MIGUEL NUNES and Mr. ROBERTO CASTRO and team representatives Mr. DÉCIO PERESTRELO (Summons No 02), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: The crew of car No. 3 slowed down at the scene of an accident of car no. 9, in SS5 at approx..12.54 hrs, but did not stop although no OK sign was shown.

Offence: Breach of Art. 53.3.2 of the 2022 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations.

Decision: Reprimand
The time of competitor No. 3 in SS5 (12:08,9) will not be amended

Reason: The onboard video shows the co-driver of car No. 9 waving with his arms to competitor No. 3 that the vehicle has crashed and was partially blocking the road. The driver of No. 3 immediately reduces his speed and continues at reduced speed without stopping. The video also shows that no OK sign was displayed.

The crew explains that having seen both drivers outside the car and therefore they assumed that no help was needed. The crew confirms that no OK sign was displayed.

Because No 3 slowed down at the accident, the competitor asked the Stewards for a time amendment for the lost time on the SS 5.

Art. 53.3.2 is very clear in which is written: *“Any crew which has the red “SOS” sign displayed to them, or which sees a car which has suffered an accident, and the OK sign is not shown, shall immediately and without exception stop to render assistance.”*

It follows that it is not at the discretion of the crew whether they stop or not, but they must stop in any case if no OK sign is shown. It is essential for the driver’s safety that the cars following the car which had an accident to render help, because they are the first on the scene of the accident.

The Stewards concluded that the crew was in breach of the above regulations and decided not to credit the time loss as a penalty and thus not amend the actual driving time on SS 5. For an offence such as this, a more severe penalty is usual. However, the Stewards took mitigating circumstances into account because the crew No. 9, although no assistance was required, did not show the OK sign. Also, car No. 3 has significantly reduced the speed.

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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.b.

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.

In accordance with Article 15.4.2.b the Stewards set the time limit for the notification of the intention to appeal to 06/08/2022 at 18.00 hours.

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