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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** All Competitors / crew members

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The Stewards, having received a request from the Clerk of the Course on the interpretation of Art. 54.2.2 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, and after having heard also from the FIA Sporting Delegate, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** Art. 54.2.2 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations stipulates that the re-start time penalty has to be added to the fastest time of the drivers' priority group (P1, P2, P3, P4) for each missed stage, which shall include the special stage or super special stage on which the crew has retired.

Priority status P3 and P4 are allocated on the basis of the support championship in which the driver is registered/entered.

In Rally Sweden 2024 there are:

Drivers competing only for the WRC3 Championship (Allocation of Priority 3)

Drivers competing only for the Junior WRC Championship (Allocation of Priority 4)

Drivers competing for the WRC3 and Junior WRC Championships (**Allocation of Priority 4**)

**Decision** For the application of Art. 54.2.2 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, all the P3 and P4 drivers shall be considered as a merged group of priority drivers.

The Clerk of the Course is in charge to apply this decision for all special stages and drivers affected on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**Reason** A strict separation as provided for in Art. 54.2.2 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations for the determination of the time penalties for restarting crews cannot be applied fairly due to the fact that a number of drivers are competing both in the WRC3 (P3) and the WRC Junior (P4) Championships.

Furthermore, it is to be noted that P3 and P4 drivers have all a car of class RC3.

Under the principle of a treatment in a fair and equitable manner of the drivers competing in the WRC3 and Junior WRC Championships and with reference to Art. 1.3 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, the Stewards exercise their authority under Art. 11.9.2.a of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code.

Therefore, the above decision on the interpretation and application of Art. 54.2.2 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations is considered to represent the most appropriate ruling.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



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