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From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor MOTORSPORT IRELAND RALLY ACADEMY of car No. 57
Crew CRAIG RAHILL / CONOR SMITH

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received reports from the Clerk of the Course attaching data extracted from the FIA Safety Tracking Device, summoned the above crew members as well as the competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts On Saturday 12th September 2026, during the running of SS11 (LOTA 2), Car No. 57 did not immediately acknowledge the electronic Red Flag deployed by the Clerk of the Course by pressing the ACKNOWLEDGE button on the FIA Emergency Console, thereby delaying the deployment of the medical car to attend the incident involving car No. 51 at 8.2Km.

Offence Breach of Article 53.5.1 a) of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations

Decision Driver CRAIG RAHILL and Co-driver CONOR SMITH shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a **fine of € 1000**.

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code, fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their notification. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

Reason During the running of SS11 (LOTA 2), due to an accident involving car No. 51 at 8.2Km, the Clerk of the Course deployed, via the FIA Emergency Console, the electronic Red Flag at 16:59hrs and at 17.00hrs to cars No. 46, 57 and 50.

Article 53.5.1 a) of the FIA WRC Sporting Regulations provides that Crews must confirm acknowledgement of the electronic Red Flag by pressing the ACKNOWLEDGE button. This procedure is designed to ensure that it is safe to deploy medical or other recovery vehicles on the stage.

Cars No. 46 and 50 immediately acknowledged receipt of the electronic Red Flag. Cars No. 57 acknowledged the electronic Red Flag at 17:06:06hrs when it had already stopped at the accident scene.

A hearing was held on Saturday 12th September 2026 at 19:45hrs in the presence of the Crew and Team Representative, KATHLEEN KENNEDY.

During the hearing, the Driver and Co-driver stated that they had seen the Red Flag on the screen of the FIA Emergency Console and the Co-driver thought he had pressed the button. Once arrived at the accident scene, they stopped and immediately pressed the SOS request and then checked on the crew of car No. 51.

The Crew admitted their mistake and apologised for the delay in the dispatching of the ambulance to the scene.

Furthermore, as stipulated in Article 53.5.1 a) of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, the crew must confirm acknowledgement of the electronic Red Flag by pressing the ACKNOWLEDGE button immediately.

It is imperative that all participating competitors and crews understand the severity and sensitivity of Article 53.5 of 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations and the procedures laid out by this rule.

The Stewards highlighted the importance of the FIA Emergency Console and of the FIA Safety Tracking Device Tutorial Video available at the link of the Appendix 6 of the Supplementary Regulations of the RALLY CHILE BIOBÍO 2026.

The Stewards, therefore, concluded that both Driver and Co-driver of car 57 were in breach of the article mentioned above.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 5 of the 2026 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Chris McMahon
The Stewards



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This decision was notified to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as below:

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