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From: The Stewards

To: The Competitor SIMONE ROMAGNA of car No. 42
Crew SIMONE ROMAGNA / DINO LAMONATO

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, summoned the above crew members as well as the competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

- Facts** On Friday, 02.10.2026 while on SS2 (Tula – Erula 1), car No. 39 had a heavy landing after a jump at km 5.79. Subsequently the crew stopped at km 5.9 and alerted the SOS Medical at 09:23:38 hrs. The stage was red-flagged at 09:27:08 hrs. Car No. 42, under red flag, passed the location slowly without stopping, despite the SOS displayed on their FIA Safety Tracking Device.
- Offence** Breach of Article 53.3.2 of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations and Article 12.2.1.h of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code.
- Decision** A 1-minute time penalty, to be applied to the special stage time of Competitor SIMONE ROMAGNA of car No. 42 on SS2 (Tula - Erula 1).
- Reason** The Stewards examined the available video evidence and telemetry data from the FIA Safety Tracking Device and heard separately from:
- a) The Team Representative of Competitor TEAM ARMIN SCHWARZ DRIVING EXPERIENCE of car No. 39, Mr. EETU HELLSTEN on Friday, 02.10.2026 at 15:20 hrs.
 - b) Driver SIMONE ROMAGNA, Co-driver DINO LAMONATO, and from the Competitor's Representative MARCO SAVINI of car No. 42 (Competitor SIMONE ROMAGNA) on Friday, 02.10.2026 at 20:10 hrs.

The Team Representative of car No. 39 spoke on behalf of the crew, who were still in hospital undergoing medical checks. He confirmed that the co-driver had informed him that, following a heavy landing after the jump on SS2, both crew members were experiencing pain and therefore activated the SOS function on the FIA Safety Tracking Device. According to the Clerk of the Course's report, the co-driver was no longer giving hand signals to car No. 42 at that stage. This was confirmed by the Team Representative of Competitor No. 39, who stated that the co-driver had told him that he had then turned his attention to assisting the driver.

The Stewards also received confirmation from the FIA Sporting Delegate regarding the content of the 2026 FIA WRC Safety Briefing attended by the driver and co-driver of car No. 42 at Rally Italia Sardegna 2026.

The Stewards also received confirmation from the WRC official timing provider that car No. 42 had received the SOS signal on their device.

The crew of car No. 42 stated that they only received the red flag notification on the FIA Safety Tracking Device. However, they were unable to see any vehicle stopped at the side of the road and therefore did not stop, as they did not perceive that an

accident had occurred. They further stated that the only vehicle they saw that was stopped was car No. 38, which was stopped on the left hand side in the last 8 km of the stage, and the crew had waved them on. The Stewards asked the crew if car No. 42 had onboard camera footage available. The crew explained that the onboard camera did not work.

The crew told the Stewards that they are acutely aware of the requirement to stop and the reasons for it. They apologised to the Stewards but repeated the statement that they did only see car No. 38 stopped on the stage but not car No. 39.

The Stewards then also heard from the crew of car No. 41, who were able to provide onboard footage which helped establish the circumstances at the scene, including the position of the crashed vehicle. The vehicle was parked on the grass to the left, some distance away from the road but still visible.

The Stewards further reviewed the relevant section of the training material for the FIA Safety Tracking Device, which the crew members were required to have viewed. The material explains that, when an SOS/red warning is displayed, the device shows a countdown of the distance to the stopped car and, after the location has been passed, subsequently counts up the distance from that point.

The Stewards therefore find that the crew of car No. 42 ought to have been aware, from the distance information displayed on the FIA Safety Tracking Device, of the approximate location of car No. 39 and ought to have stopped at or near that location to establish whether assistance was required.

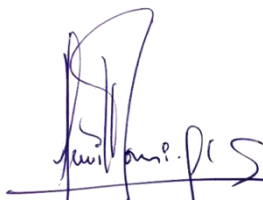
The Stewards therefore find that the crew of car No. 42 breached Article 53.3.2 of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations and impose a penalty which they consider appropriate in the circumstances.

In determining the penalty, the Stewards took into account that, unlike in the other two cases, the co-driver of car No. 39 was no longer standing at the roadside signalling to the crew of car No. 42 that assistance was required. The Stewards considered this justified a lower penalty.

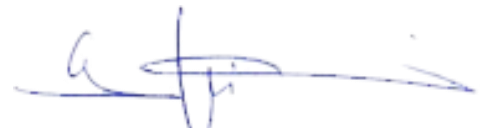
Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 5 of the 2026 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Tanja Geilhausen
The Stewards



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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	MARCO SAVINI	<i>Date:</i>	3.10.2026
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM MANAGER	<i>Time:</i>	16:45

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