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From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT of car No. 33
Crew ELFYN EVANS / SCOTT MARTIN

All Competitors / Crew Members

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with video evidence attached, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts Car No. 33 moved a part of the chicane on SS1 – Golf und Therme 1 at km 3.82 (Road Book 1, page 1-39, Box 6).

Offence - Breach of Article 19.2 of the 2025 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.
- Breach of Article 12.16.1 of the Supplementary Regulations of Central European Rally 2025.

Decision A 5-second time penalty on Competitor TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT of car No. 33 to be applied to the special stage time for SS1 – Golf und Therme 1.

Reason The Stewards reviewed the video footage provided by the Clerk of the Course and heard from the crew of Car No. 33 on Thursday 16th October 2025 at 16.50 hrs. In addition, the Stewards received written representations from the Sporting Director of Toyota Gazoo Racing WRT, Mr. Kaj Lindström, at 18:38 hrs, including a presentation and onboard video evidence.

The video evidence and data analysis show that at 14:36 hrs, during SS1 – Golf und Therme 1, at km 3.82 (Road Book 1, page 1-39, box 6), car No. 33 made contact with a bale forming part of a physical chicane, resulting in the bale being moved from its defined position.

The driver explained that he experienced unexpected understeer due to a lower level of grip than anticipated. He applied full steering lock in an attempt to follow the correct route and avoid contact with the chicane, significantly reducing his speed in the process. He confirmed that the incident was entirely unintentional, noting that he lost time as a result and even risked damaging the car.

The written statement and accompanying analysis from Mr. LINDSTRÖM support the driver's explanation, indicating that the car lost approximately 1.3 seconds in the sector containing the chicane and adding that the car's approach speed was even slightly lower than that of other competitors. The conclusion of the team representative is that all his suggests that no sporting advantage was gained.

The Stewards note that during reconnaissance, the chicane was not yet physically in place, but its location was clearly marked on the road at the exact spot where it was subsequently installed for the competition. The Stewards further noted that no other crew experienced comparable difficulties at this point of the stage, which indicates that the layout and positioning of the chicane were sufficiently clear for the other competitors.

After due deliberation, the Stewards are satisfied that the deviation from the defined roadway was unintentional and caused no advantage to the crew. However, Articles

19.2 of the 2025 FIA World Rally Championship Sporting Regulations and 12.16.1 of the 2025 Central European Rally Supplementary Regulations both clearly state that any deviation from the defined roadway and any failure to pass a chicane in the correct manner constitute an infringement and will be reported to the Stewards.

Accordingly, the Stewards conclude that a breach of the above-mentioned Articles has occurred. Taking into account comparable precedents and the specific circumstances of this incident, the Stewards consider that a time penalty of five seconds represents an appropriate and proportionate sanction in this case.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Mathieu Remmerie
The Stewards



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Wilhelm Singer

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	KAJ LINDSTRÖM	<i>Date:</i>	16.10.2025
<i>Position within the team:</i>	SPORTING DIRECTOR	<i>Time:</i>	20:55

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