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From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor NIKHIL SACHANIA of car No. 44
Crew NIKHIL SACHANIA / DEEP PATEL

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of Course including a report received from the Chief Scrutineer, summoned a Competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts A team personnel associated with Competitor No. 44 (NIKHIL SACHANIA) was rude and abusive to a scrutineer assigned to observe Car No. 44 during the mid-day service on Saturday 24th June 2023.

Offence Breach of Art. 12.2.1.k of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code (Misconduct)

Decision **Fine of € 500 on Competitor No. 44 NIKHIL SACHANIA**

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2023 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 The Stewards received a report through the Clerk of Course highlighting a situation that occurred between the team personnel of Competitor No. 44 (NIKHIL SACHANIA) and a member of the scrutineering team assigned to observe Car No. 44 within the Service Park during Saturday mid-day service.

The Stewards summoned and heard from the Team Manager (TINU KHAN) and the Co-driver (DEEP PATEL) of Competitor No. 44. The hearing was held the same evening at 19.50 hrs, in the presence of the Chief Scrutineer and the Scrutineer assigned to the team.

The Scrutineer explained that she was assigned to report on any repairs conducted on Car No. 44 during the Saturday mid-day service. She approached a member of the team to query the status of the car and was rudely chased away and was told "not to waste his time."

The Co-driver provided his perspective of the situation and explained that he was in a rush when the scrutineer appeared and he had consequently waved her away. During the hearing, he apologised for his rude gesture towards the Scrutineer.

The Team Manager explained that the team is responsible for two (2) cars. He added that, during the midday service, the team was under a lot of pressure to prepare the cars. When the Scrutineer came to ask for information, he thought that she was seeking feedback for the second car the team was servicing. He explained that his focus was on finishing the work on Car No. 44, and that afterwards he would have had enough time to provide the requested information.

The Stewards explained that the FIA and its associated National Sporting Authorities (ASNs) are actively engaged in ensuring that motorsport events are an environment where everyone is treated with mutual respect.

As per Article 1.1.1 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, *“All drivers, competitors and officials participating in the Championships undertake, on behalf of themselves, their employees and agents, to observe all the provisions as supplemented or amended of the Code, the applicable Technical Regulations, the present Sporting Regulations, and the supplementary regulations of each rally.”*

Moreover, Article 12.2.1.k of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code (ISC) specifies that *“Any Misconduct towards, but not limited to: licence-holders, officials, officers or member of the staff of the FIA, members of the staff of the Organiser or promoter, members of the staff of the Competitors, ...” is a Breach of the Rules.*

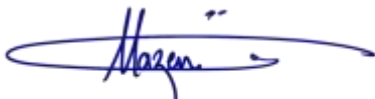
Misconduct in Article 20 of the ISC is *“to be understood in particular but not limited to: the general use of language (written or verbal), gesture and/or sign that is offensive, insulting, coarse, rude or abusive and might reasonably be expected or be perceived to be coarse or rude or to cause offense, humiliation or to be inappropriate, ...”*

The Stewards pointed out that respectful interaction between all parties involved during a motorsport event is imperative and misconduct in whatever shape or form cannot be tolerated. As such, the Stewards are obligated to ensure that all parties (as listed in ISC Article 12.2.1.k above) are mutually respected.

The Team Manager courteously and on his own volition apologised to the Scrutineer for his outbreak and appreciated her role and the role of all volunteers, marshals and officials that are present to run this rally.

The Stewards appreciate the Team Manager's sincere apology and admission of wrongdoing due to the enormous demands of participating in this rally, especially as they are a non-priority crew. The Stewards take note of this as a mitigating circumstance and therefore settle for a reduced penalty.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Mazen Al-Hilli
The Stewards



Tanja Geilhausen



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

Name (in block letters):	TINU KHAN	Date:	25.6.2023
Position within the team:	TEAM MANAGER	Time:	12:23

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