
Date: Saturday, 30th May 2026

Time: 21:00

Subject: STEWARDS DECISION No 1

Document No: 2.5

From: The Stewards

To: Competitor No 4 Name: ATELIER DE LA TZOUMAZ

Crew: Thibault MARET / Louis LOUKA

And

Competitor No 3 Name: ACS

Crew: Yoan LOEFFLER / Aurélien CHIAPELLO

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PROTEST lodged by

The Competitor of car No. 4 Name: ATELIER DE LA TZOUMAZ (Crew: Thibault MARET / Louis LOUKA)

Against

Competitor No 3 Name: ACS (Crew: Yoan LOEFFLER / Aurélien CHIAPELLO)

Procedure:

1. On Saturday, May 30th, 2026, the Competitors Relations Officer received at 12:08 hrs a protest lodged by the Competitor of car No. 4 addressed to the Stewards and to the Clerk of the Course.
2. Competitor No. 4 claims that Competitor No. 3 is using unauthorized fuel in Swiss (Bioethanol E85)
3. The protest was accompanied with a cash deposit of € 1000.
4. Both parties were summoned and heard together by the Stewards.

Parties present at the Hearing:

5. The hearing was held on Saturday, May 30th, 2026, at 18:30 hrs in the Stewards' Room with all Stewards present.

6. The following persons were present at the hearing:

On behalf of Competitor No. 4: Arthur Bonnafous (Team representative) and Thibault Maret (Driver)

On behalf of Competitor No. 3 Emmanuel Aynonod (Team representative) and Yoan Loeffler (Driver)

7. No objections were raised against the composition of the Stewards panel.

8. At the hearing the parties referred to the documents previously submitted.

On the Admissibility:

9. The Stewards examined the admissibility of the protest:

9.1 The protest was lodged in due time, in accordance with Art. 13.3 of the FIA 2026 international Sporting Code.

9.2 The protest was not lodged by a competitor as stipulated in the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 13.1, but by the driver of the crew.

9.3 The protest was properly accompanied by the protest deposit of € 1000, as stipulated in Art. 13.4.2 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code, Art. 65.2 of the 2026 RRSR and in Art. 15.2 of the event Supplementary Regulations.

9.4 The protest is addressed to the chair of the panel of stewards (FIA 2026 ISC Art 3.5.1), but also to the Clerk of the Course

9.5 The protest was not delivered to the Chair of the panel of stewards as required by Article 13.5.2 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code, but to the Competitors' Relations Officer.

Decision:

The protest is inadmissible.

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Hearing on the admissibility:

The Team Representative of Competitor No. 4 stated that he confirmed the facts presented in the protest and that Competitor No. 3 had used fuel not permitted by the Swiss regulations, and in his opinion the protest should be admissible.

He was asked in which refuelling zones the alleged facts had occurred, and he stated that it was in all of them except the last one.

He was also asked whether he wished to add any further information or witnesses, to which he replied that he did not, stating only that he had photos, but did not present them.

For his part, Competitor No. 3 stated that he had not used any non-permitted fuel and that he had nothing further to add.

After the hearing, the Stewards took the following decision after due deliberation.

Decision:

- 1. The protest is inadmissible.**
- 2. The protest deposit is not to be returned to Competitor No. 4.**

Reason:

Since the protest does not meet the requirements set in the FIA 2026 ISC Art. 13.5.1 (it is addressed not only to the chair of the panel of stewards), Art. 13.5.2 (They shall be delivered to the chair of the panel of the stewards), Art. 13.1 (The right to protest lies only with a Competitor).

In addition to the above, it is alleged in the protest that Article 62.1 of the 2026 Regional Rally Sporting Regulation allows the application of Article 12 of the CSN Specific Regulations, which is not consistent with what is stated in that article 62.1 of the 2026 Regional Rally Sporting Regulation

The Stewards' decision was made based on FIA 2026 international Sporting Code Art. 11.7.1.a, Art. 11.7.3, Art. 11.7.3.a

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Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 5 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits (both documents can be found at <https://www.fia.com>).

Antonio Medeiros

Antonio MEDEIROS
Chair of the Panel of Stewards

Aiden Harper

Aiden HARPER
FIA Steward

Daniel Lenglet

Daniel LENGLET
ASN Steward

Competitor No. 4

Received by the Competitor:

Signature: *[Signature]*

Date: *30/05/2026* Time: *21:42*

Competitor No. 3

Received by the Competitor:

Signature: *[Signature]*

Date: *28-05-26* Time: *22:21*

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