
Date: 28.06.2025 **Time:** 10:20 hrs
Subject: STEWARDS DECISION No. 4 **Document No:** 2.5

From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor MATTEO FONTANA of car No. 75
Crew MATTEO FONTANA / ALESSANDRO ARNABOLDI

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

Facts During the first pass on SS1 (EKO Athens SSS), Car No. 75 took the second roundabout in a counter-clockwise direction, instead of the compulsory clockwise direction.

Offence Breach of Art. 19.2 of the 2025 FIA World Rally Championship Sporting Regulations.

Decision 10-second time penalty on the Competitor MATTEO FONTANA of car No. 75, to be applied to the special stage time of Car No. 75 for SS1 (EKO Athens SSS).

The stage time is accordingly modified to **01:37.6**.

Reason During the running of SS1 (EKO Athens SSS), Car No. 75 was observed negotiating the second roundabout in the incorrect direction — counterclockwise instead of clockwise — during the first pass. This was contrary to the instructions provided in the Road Book (page 24), as further clarified in Clerk of the Course Communication No. 6, which specified that during the first pass of SS1, Roundabout 2 must be taken in a clockwise direction for 360°.

The Clerk of the Course reported this incident to the Stewards, supported by video evidence from the official rally broadcast (timestamp 2:25:42 on the rally.tv coverage of SS1).

This constitutes a breach of Article 19.2 of the 2025 FIA World Rally Championship Sporting Regulations, which requires Competitors to follow the compulsory itinerary of the rally as defined in the Road Book (and any supplementary instructions).

A hearing was held on Saturday, 28th June 2025 at 08:30 hrs, attended by the competitor's representative and the crew of Car No. 75.

The Driver admitted his mistake, explained that he braked late and was so focused on executing the required doughnuts that he lost track of the correct direction of rotation. He acknowledged the error and apologised for his lapse.

In line with Articles 12.4.1.h and 12.4.2 of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code, the Stewards deemed the above-mentioned time penalty to be appropriate 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



Henrik Frank



Yiannis Kantas

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	LUCA MURDOLO	<i>Date:</i>	28.6.2025
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM REPRESENTATIVE	<i>Time:</i>	10.25

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