

RALLY ITALIA SARDEGNA 2023

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 STEWARDS DECISION No. 14
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From: The Stewards

To: The Competitor GIUSEPPE DETTORI of car No. 56

Crew GIUSEPPE DETTORI / CARLO PISANO

All Competitors / crew members

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

Facts The Crew of Car No. 56 had stopped soon after leaving the parc fermé on the road

section to SS8. Two team members approached the car on the roundabout near the Service Park exit and one of them opened the co-driver door and worked inside the

car.

Offence Breach of Art. 56.1.1 and Art. 56.2.1 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

Decision 10-minute time penalty on Competitor No. 56 to be applied at TC15C

Reason The Stewards examined the report from the Clerk of the Course and heard from the Driver Mr. GIUSEPPE DETTORI, Co-driver Mr. CARLO PISANO and Team Manager

Mr. TONY CIBELLA of car No. 56 on Saturday 3rd June 2023 at 22:00 hrs.

The Team Manager explained that the previous day they had an accident on SS4 and had pushed the SOS Fire button on the FIA Safety Tracking Device. They had also armed the car extinguisher system and used the handheld extinguisher. During the time allowed for the repairs prior to restart for the next section, the team installed new extinguishers to the car. As the work was carried out late at night, the crew and the mechanics did not see each other before they met at the location just outside the Service Park, where car No. 56, after leaving the parc fermé, was on the road section to SS8. The crew stopped on the road section close to the Service Park and the mechanics went to greet them. While leaving the parc fermé the crew was shown by marshals the extinguisher status board and they realised that maybe their extinguisher system was not in working position following the recent system change. They therefore asked assistance from the Team Manager to check this. The Team Manager approached the car on the road section at the Hotel Principe roundabout and checked inside the car if the fire extinguisher was correctly armed. After the check the Team Manager confirmed to the crew that the system was operational. Mr. TONY CIBELLA also confirmed that they were aware of the rule that team members are not allowed to be within 1 kilometre of their competing car, but as they were worried about the safety of the crew, they had decided to meet the crew and help to check the status of the extinguisher system.

The Stewards studied the report from the Clerk of the Course as well as the report from the marshal on site, which clearly stated that two mechanics from the team approached Car No. 56 on the road section, at the Hotel Principe roundabout, and one of them opened the co-driver door and leaned inside the car to do some work. The Stewards also got confirmation from the tracking system GPS data that car No. 56 had stopped at this location for approximately 32 seconds.

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Art. 56.1.1 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations clearly stipulates that service may be carried out only in the service parks or as permitted under Art. 60 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations. Additionally, Art. 56.2.1 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations stipulates that the presence of team members or any team personnel is prohibited within 1 kilometre of their competing car.

The Stewards conclude that, although there was a safety concern as stated by the Team Manager, Art 56.1.1 and Art. 56.2.1 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations were breached and therefore find that the time penalty applied is 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 2023 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

Silver Kütt The Stewards Tanja Geilhausen

Alice Scutellà

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

Name (in block letters):	TONY CIBELLA	Date:	4.6.2023
Position within the team:	TEAM MANAGER	Time:	01:15

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