



**OLYMPUS RALLY**  
**17-19 April 2026**

**DECISION 11**

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**From:** The Stewards Mark Williams & Rob Bohn  
**To:** All Competitors, Event Officials, ARA Scoring

**Date:** 19 April 2026  
**Time:** 17:00 PST

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The Stewards, having received Clerk Communication #10 from the Clerk of the Course Matt Flaisig regarding multiple infractions by Car No. 265 Perocarpi/Schrunder within a Control Zone:

**Time:** The report was received at 14:50 on 19 April 2026

**Facts:** A Judge of Fact at the start of Stage 11 reported that Car No. 265 started the stage, passed the end-of-control signboard, then stopped and reversed back into the Control Zone. The crew then exited the vehicle and commenced work on the car within the Control Zone. Photographic evidence confirms that work was carried out on the vehicle with the end-of-control signboard visible beyond the car, establishing that the vehicle had re-entered the Control Zone prior to the work being undertaken.

**Rules:** The crew's actions are a breach of RCR 4.1.1 that defines the bounds of a Control Zone; RCR 6.4.3 that identifies reversing in a Control Zone as an Improper Procedure; and RCR 6.4.7 that requires crews to follow the route in the direction of the rally route; RCR 4.1.4.a that prohibits crews from working on their car within a Control Zone; and RCR 4.1.4.b that prohibits reversing in a Control Zone. These infractions are subject to penalty imposed by the Stewards per GCR 7.4.

**Decision:** Car No. 265 is assessed a twenty (20) minute time penalty, comprising:  
10 minutes for working on the vehicle within a Control Zone  
10 minutes for reversing within a Control Zone

**Reasons:**

- When interviewed by the Event Steward, the crew agreed that they did act as described in the above facts and the Stewards accept the report of the Judge of Fact as determinative. The sequence of events establishes that the crew exited the Control Zone, then deliberately reversed back into it, and subsequently performed work on the vehicle within the Control Zone.
- Control Zones are strictly regulated areas where movement and conduct are tightly controlled to ensure safety, fairness, and the orderly running of the event. Reversing within a Control Zone and working on a vehicle within its bounds are both explicitly prohibited.
- The act of reversing back into the Control Zone represents a clear breach of prescribed route direction and Control Zone procedures. Undertaking work on the vehicle within the Control Zone constitutes a separate and distinct violation of parc fermé-type restrictions applicable in such areas.
- In determining the penalty, the Stewards considered the clear and unambiguous definition of Control Zone boundaries; the deliberate nature of reversing into the Control Zone; the prohibited act of working on the vehicle within the Control Zone; the need to uphold strict procedural discipline in controlled areas; and the requirement for consistency with established penalties for similar infractions
- The Stewards determine that each breach—reversing in a Control Zone and working on the vehicle within a Control Zone—warrants a significant and independent penalty.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 9 of the ARA General Competition Rules.