



OLYMPUS RALLY
17-19 April 2026

DECISION 8

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

Date: 19 April 2026
Time: 12:30PST

The Stewards, having received a Clerk Communication from the Clerk of the Course Matt Flaisig regarding an improper procedure by a list of car numbers have considered the matter and determine the following:

Time: The report was received at 12:20 on 19 April 2026

Facts: Car numbers 70, 96, 203, 212, 265, 313, 337, 350, 369, 390, 397, 401, 402, 404, 442, 454, 485, 567, 709, 727, 755, 964, 978 deviated from the prescribed route at instruction number 5 of Stage 7 as witnessed and reported by a Judge of Fact who was at that location.

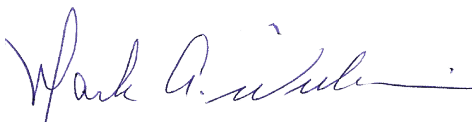
Rules: RCR 6.4.7 identifies failure to follow the prescribed route as an improper procedure infraction subject to penalty imposed by the Stewards per GCR 7.4.

Decision: The Stewards impose a penalty of 16 seconds for each of the above listed car numbers in accordance with GCR 7.4.c

Reasons:

- Following a review of the report, available video evidence and interview of the reporting Judge of Fact, the Stewards confirm that above list of crews did not follow the prescribed route at the referenced delta junction by proceeding straight through that junction.
- The Stewards recognize that the presentation of the junction may have contributed to the widespread nature of the deviation. However, this does not relieve the competitors of their obligation to correctly interpret and follow the prescribed route as set out in the routebook and course markings.
- The Stewards further determine that the deviation from the prescribed route resulted in an estimated competitive advantage of approximately 8 seconds based on analysis of RallySafe data.
- In assessing a penalty, the Stewards considered that a penalty equal only to the time gained would effectively leave no sporting consequence of the breach. The Stewards therefore concluded that a penalty exceeding the estimated advantage is warranted to both negate any benefit obtained and reinforce the obligation of all competitors to follow the prescribed route precisely. In the interest of fairness, consistency and proportionality, a uniform penalty of 16 seconds is imposed on all affected crews.

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.


Mark A. Williams, Senior Steward

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