



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

**DECISION 9**

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

**Date:** 19 April 2026  
**Time:** 14:30 PM PST

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The Stewards, having received a Clerk Communication from the Clerk of the Course Matt Flaisig regarding an improper procedure by Car No. 442 for competing on two stages with an open window net, and have considered the matter and determine the following:

**Time:** The report was received at 11:31 PM on 19 April 2026.

**Facts:** A Marshal at the start of Stage 11, acting as a Judge of Fact, instructed the crew of Car No. 442 to ensure their window was fully closed prior to the start of the stage. The Marshal subsequently reported that the car started the stage with the window open. The competitors provided in-car video evidence confirming that the window was not fully closed at the moment of stage start, but was closed approximately 6 seconds after commencing the stage. The crew also indicated they did not hear the Marshal's instruction due to wearing helmets and intercom equipment while preparing to start. It was further reported that the window was down on Stage 12; however, the competitors provided video evidence demonstrating that the window was fully closed prior to the start of Stage 12

**Rules:** RCR 6.4.5 identifies this action as an improper procedure infraction subject to penalty imposed by the Stewards per GCR 7.4.

**Decision:** The Stewards impose a penalty of one (1) minute in accordance with GCR 7.4.c

**Reasons:**

- The Stewards accept the report of the Marshal as determinative with respect to the condition of the vehicle at the moment of stage start. The competitors' own video evidence corroborates that the car started Stage 11 with the window open.
- The Stewards acknowledge that the crew corrected the condition promptly after the stage start. This demonstrates awareness and an absence of intent to disregard the instruction. However, compliance is required at the point of control, and post-start correction does not negate the initial breach.
- Regarding Stage 12, the Stewards are satisfied, based on the video evidence, that the vehicle was in compliance at the start. No further action is warranted for that stage.
- In determining the penalty, the Stewards considered the safety-related nature of the requirement; the very brief duration of the non-compliance prior to the car reaching full competition speed; the prompt corrective action taken by the crew; and the absence of any ongoing or repeated breach

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.