



## RALLY SAUDI ARABIA

1 - 3 May 2025



Date:	<b>Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025</b>	Time:	<b>19:30</b>
Subject:	<b>STEWARDS DECISION No. 3</b>	Document No.:	<b>2.4</b>
From:	<i>The Stewards</i>		
To:	<i>The Competitor Bassel ABU HAMDAN of car No. 9</i>		
	<i>Crew: Bassel ABU HAMDAN / Firas ELIAS</i>		

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course (document No. 3.7), having summoned and heard the crew members of car No 9 *Bassel ABU HAMDAN / Firas ELIAS* (Summon No. 2, Doc 4.2), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Facts:** After spinning near the radio point at km 4.37, the crew of car No 9 was reported to have driven for 1.65kms in opposite direction on SS 11 (*Asfan 2*). After meeting head-on with car #19 at approximately km 2.35 from the Start of the mentioned SS, they made a turn and continued in the correct direction to the Finish of the Stage.

**Offence:** Breach of Article 34.1.4 of the 2025 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations.

**Decision:** To impose a fine penalty of €1.000 (*say only one thousand euros*) on Competitor #9, plus an additional fine of €2.000 (*say only two thousand euros*) which is applied with suspension of sentence under ISC Art. 12.4.6 till the end of the 2025 sporting season subject to no further breach of a similar nature committed by the competitor during this period.

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the FIA 2025 International Sporting Code, fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their notification on the <https://fiafines.fia.com> website. Any delay in making payment may entail suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid

**Reason:** During the hearing, the driver admitted his driving violation and deeply apologised of his act stating that it is his maiden event to race on open pathways. He plead the panel not to impose too harsh penalty on him.

The Stewards emphasised on the FIA's commitment to do whatever is needed to protect the crews, and the principal of them abiding to the Sporting Regulations and its importance for the driver's safety, and safety is one of the major concerns by the FIA.

After having seen the onboard video, the Stewards came to the conclusion that though their recklessness the crew of car #9 not only did they create a hazardous situation; but, endangered other drivers lives. Nevertheless, the Stewards did not receive any complaint of the crew of car #19.



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The decision is based on the FIA 2025 International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.2.a, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, Art. 12.3.1, Art. 12.4.1.c, and Art. 12.4.6.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits (both documents can be found at <https://www.fia.com>).

**Wilhelm SINGER**

FIA Chair of the Panel of Stewards

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FIA Steward

**Ahmad JAN**

ASN Steward

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

Name (in block letters):	Joseph Halar	Date:	03 May 2025
Position within the team:	SPORTING MANAGER	Time:	

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