

Rally Dakar 2023

29. December 2022 - 15. January 2023



Date: Wednesday, 4th January 2023	Time: 23.15 hrs
Subject: STEWARDS DECISION N° 9	Document No: 2.11
From: <i>The Stewards</i>	
To: Competitor: Vehicle No 508 Name: ALES LOPRAIS Crew: ALES LOPRAIS / PETR POKORA / JAROSLAV VALTR JR	
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course (Doc 3.114) and attachments (Iritrack and ERTF reports, video, request from Competitor No 302) about the facts occurred during the crossing of a wadi during SS3 involving several vehicles, having examined the different elements presented, having considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: Trucks No 502, 506, 508 and 520 stopped during SS3 to render assistance to Cars No 300 and 302 that were in a dangerous situation during the crossing of a wadi at km 257,52.

Decision: **To deduct the time of 00:05:52h from the total selective section time (SS3) for Competitor No 508 and to amend the provisional classification of the SS3.**

Reason: According to the report from the Clerk of the Course, during the crossing of a wadi at km 257,52 of SS3, cars No 300 and 302 were surprised by the level of the water and got stuck at the riverbed in a difficult and dangerous situation due to the current strength and the rapid rise of the water level.

According to the report from the Clerk of the Course, trucks No 502, 506, 508 and 520 arrived at the location of the incident separated by a few seconds and immediately stopped and rendered assistance to the two crews in danger.

After several attempts, the four trucks managed to take the two cars out of the river and restart the selective section.

The Stewards, after reviewing the video footage, see that the situation was really exceptionally dangerous, it was necessary to rescue the drowning crews.

According to Art. 11.9.1 of the FIA 2023 ISC, the Stewards shall have the supreme authority for the enforcement of the Code, of the Regulations of the FIA if appropriate, of national rules and Supplementary Regulations and of Official Programmes within the framework of the Event for which they are appointed.

Due to the exceptional and dangerous circumstances, the Stewards considered this as a case of force majeure.

The Stewards decide that in this case there are legitimate grounds for granting the request made in the report of the Clerk of the Course, and to deduct the time of 00:05:52h (the time that, in the light of all the evidence presented, was spent rescuing another Competitor) from the total selective section time (SS3) for Competitor No 508 and to amend the provisional classification of the SS3.

The Stewards decision is based on FIA 2023 ISC Art. 11.9.1; FIA 2023 ISC Art. 11.9.3.j.

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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.

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Arnas PALIUKENAS
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

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Patrick SUBERVILLE
FIA Steward

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Hassan AL ABDALI
ASN Steward

Received:

Competitor: **ALES LOPRAIS**

Vehicle No: 508

Crew: **ALES LOPRAIS / PETR POKORA / JAROSLAV VALTR JR**

Date: 4.1.23

Time: 23:05

Signature:

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