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Due to observations in previous events, the Stewards remind the competitors of the regulations in force regarding:

1) Fire extinguishing systems

The fire extinguisher system is a major safety item to protect the crew in case of fire in the car. It is essential for the crew members safety, and safety is one of the major concerns by the FIA. Safety remains a key challenge, and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to protect, amongst others, the crew members.

The system must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and with Technical List n°52 Article 283-7 of Appendix J to the FIA 2025 International Sporting Code does not specify when the system can be switched on or switched off. For this reason, and in accordance with Art. 25.3.1 of the FIA 2025 Cross-Country Sporting Regulations, it must always be active (system armed) during the competition. **During the competition means that the systems must be activated when leaving the bivouac, on road sections, on special stages and in the Parc Fermé**.

The FIA Technical Delegate will instruct the Scrutineers to check the status of the fire extinguishing systems during the competition and report any infringements to the Stewards.

2) Driving Conduct

With reference to Articles 27.1.2, 27.1.3 & 27.1.5 of the FIA 2025 CCRSR:

27.1.2: *Crews must always drive in the direction of the Selective Section, as indicated in the road book and by the track layout when it exists. Crews are allowed to momentarily deviate from the intended direction, briefly reverse or reroute to the correct direction for correcting navigation mistakes or avoiding natural or artificial obstacles.*

27.1.3: *Intentional driving against the direction of the Selective Section for any reason other than those outlined in Art. 27.1.2, deliberate backtracking over significant distance and/or significant deviations from the route without justifiable cause are forbidden.*

27.1.5: *Crews are not allowed to use any surfaced road (asphalt, concrete) in a Selective Section, unless specified in the road book. Crews deviating from the Selective Section route to join or travel along a surfaced road (including the verge) will be considered as having retired from the Selective Section at the point of deviation.*

3) Servicing – General Conditions

With reference to Articles 49.1.3 & V1 49.1.8 of the FIA 2025 CCRSR:

49.1.3: *Only crews with FIA groups vehicles still in the competition for the current Stage/SS may assist each other at any time, other than where this is specifically prohibited.*

To be considered in the competition of a Stage, the crew must have started to the Stage according to Art. 31.2.

To be considered in the competition of a Selective Section the crew must have:

- *started the SS according to Art. 42;*
- *not be considered as retired in that SS.*

V1 49.1.8: *After prior communication with Rally Control, crews can deviate from the Selective Section route from a waypoint approved by Rally Control to assist other crew(s) in accordance with Art. 49.1.3 and in possible derivation to Art. 27.1.5.*

Any further deviation must be approved beforehand by Rally Control, which may impose a specific route for this deviation. These crews will still be in the competition if they continue the Selective Section from the same waypoint from which they deviated.

Prohibited service is the use or receipt by the crew of any manufactured materials (solid or liquid,as e. g. bottled water, unless supplied by the organisers), spare parts, tools, or equipment other than those carried in competing FIA groups vehicles, **or the presence of team personnel as defined in Art. 49.2**.

A team is made up of the competitor, the crew **and support personnel** (e.g. mechanics, team manager, team media**,** physiotherapist, etc.)

*The presence of team personnel or any team conveyance (including helicopters) is **prohibited within 1 kilometre of its competing car except**:*

- *in service parks (bivouacs) and remote service zones.*
- *in commercial fuel stations and refuelling zones, other than inside a competitive part of a Selective Section.*
- *at the end of Selective Sections (from the finish line sign to the stop sign at the end of the Selective Section).*
- *whilst the vehicles are in a media zone.*
- *where the competing vehicles following the route as prescribed in the Roadbook are required to use the same road(s) at the same time as team personnel.*
- *in Selective Sections as long the competition vehicles are in motion.*

***The passing of food, drink, and clothing to or from the crew is permitted** whilst the crew members are:*

- *in service parks (bivouacs).*
- *in remote service zones.*
- *in tyre fitting zones.*
- *at regroupings.*
- *at rest halts.*
- *whilst the vehicles are in a media zone.*
- *on road sections on a common road with the crews*

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