



## Overmountain Rally Tennessee, 14-15 Sept 2024

### DECISION 1

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**From:** the Stewards

**Date:** 15 Sept 2024

**To:** The listed Service Crew of car 126, ARA

**Time (decision):** 20:11

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, have considered the following matter and determined the following:

**Service Crew member, and car No:** Chris Bauer, Car 126

**Date and Time (fact):** 15 Sept 2024 1:00 (approx.)

**Session:**

**Fact:** As per section 5.1 of the Supplementary Regulations, the Saturday Service Park was scheduled to be opened until 22:00. This was extended to 23:59 by Bulletin 6. Because several teams were still working on their cars at the extended Service Park closing times, the second Competitor Relations Officer made arrangements to have it further extended another hour to 15 Sept 1:00. As 1:00 approached, the CRO reminded teams that they needed to wrap up their work and leave the Service Park.

Car 126 was one of the teams working on their competition vehicle past 23:59. That Service Crew were servicing more than one car. The last stage on Saturday was a superspecial with opportunities to cause significant damage to competition vehicles. The crew's other car had damage, and work was deferred on Car 126. After receiving the reminder from the CRO, they drove the competition vehicle around to test it, determined that additional work was needed, and put the competition vehicle back up on jack stands to continue working on it.

When approached by the CRO to inform the team that they needed to leave the Service Park, the listed Service Crew member was combative with and abusive towards the CRO. It was reported that observers were uncomfortable during the confrontation.

Eventually the team stopped working on the competition vehicle in the Service Park and relocated to continue their work elsewhere.

The CRO and the listed Service Crew member were interviewed as part of the investigation of this matter.

**Offence:** GCRs 5.1.4 and 7.1

**Decision:** The Stewards have decided that the listed Service Crew member's behavior towards the CRO was a breach of the GCRs under GCR 7.1 and unsportsmanlike conduct in violation of GCR 5.1.4.

The Stewards have assessed a three-month suspension against the listed Service Crew member. He is to be not allowed to be listed Service Crew during the period of suspension.

The suspension is suspended if the listed Service Crew member is not assessed any other penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct within 12 months of the posting of this decision. If there is another violation before

then, the Stewards ask ARA to pronounce the suspension at that time. Penalties for any additional violations at that time will also be applied.

**Reason:** The actions of the listed Service Crew member was not of the highest standards The work required and that it continued late into the night likely stressed the Service Crew member. However this does not excuse one from treating competitors, officials, and marshals with respect.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 10 of the ARA General Competition Rules.



Alan Perry, Senior Steward



Rob Bohn, Event Steward