

Decision: 4

“2024 Quality Accounting Coffs Coast Rally”

Queensland Rally Championship - Round 2

Coffs Harbour Environs

25th May 2024

From: The Stewards of the Event

Date: Tuesday, 17th September 2024

To: Ian Menzies

Time: 21:30hrs

The Stewards, having received a protest from Ian Menzies, summoned and heard from the Competitors of Car 2 and the Clerk of the Course, reviewed the evidence provided and determine the following:

Car No – Driver & Co-Driver: Car 2 - Ian Menzies & Robert McGowan

Date: Saturday, 25th May 2024

Fact: There were irregularities between what was published in the Road book and the actual route on the liaison to Time Control 1.

Rule(s): Rally Standing Regulation – National Rally Art. 4.4 (c) The *Event* Checker must also ensure that the proposed Route Instructions define the intended route unambiguously, and that on the day of the *Event*, it is safe for the general public, officials and each Crew.

The Stewards decide the following:

1. The Protest is admissible.
2. The Protest is upheld partially.
3. The late time penalties for TC 1 to be vacated for Car 2.
4. Revised provisional results to be published by the organisers within 7 days of notification of this decision.
5. The Protest fee is to be returned in full to the Protestor (Ian Menzies).

Reason

No parties objected to the composition of the Stewards Panel.

Both written and verbal evidence was presented by both the Competitors of Car 2 (Ian Menzies & Robert McGowan) & the Clerk of Course (Peter Flynn) of the event. Witnesses were called to provide the opportunity to present their evidence. Both sides were given appropriate opportunity to cross-examine each other and the witnesses.

It was shown in the evidence provided that there was an instruction in the road book for a sign post to be at the entry to Sherwood Road, which is in the Liaison between Time Control 0 and Time Control 1. But on the day of competition, there was no sign post. The sign post that was written in the tulip, that was present during the Course Check was not physically on the route on the day of competition.

The Stewards find that there was ambiguity in the road book in the liaison between Time Control 0 and Time Control 1, which contributed to the late arrival of Car 2 into Time Control 1.

The Stewards also find that there were irregularities in the tulips used, so much so that there was not a sign post in the tulip published, compared to the instruction for the same tulip.

This decision was advised to the parties at 2130hrs.



The Competitor is reminded that Decisions and Penalties that may be subject to Appeal are set out in 2024 Motorsport Australia's National Competition Rules, Articles 101, 105 & 106.

Issued by the Stewards of the Event:

Zac Dawes
Chair & Series Steward
Motorsport Australia Stewards

Ian Mayberry
Steward

Paul Baxter
Steward

<p>Received by: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date: _____ Time: _____</p>
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