

# Andalucía Rally 2022

18. – 23. October 2022



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Date: **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**  
Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 7**

Time: **19.00 hrs**  
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From: *The Stewards*

To: The Competitor ANNETT FISCHER of car No. 303  
Crew ANNETT FISCHER / ANNIE SEEL

And

The Competitor JEAN-LUC PISSON of Car No. 304  
Crew JEAN-LUC PISSON / CÉDRIC DUPLÉ

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## **PROTEST lodged by**

The Competitor of car No. 303 ANNETT FISCHER (Crew Annett Fischer / Annie Seel)

## **Against**

The Competitor of car No. 304 JEAN-LUC PISSON (Crew Jean-Luc Pisson / Cédric Duplé)

## **Procedure:**

1. On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022, the Clerk of the Course received at 16.20 hrs a protest lodged by the Competitor of car No. 303 addressed to the Chairperson of the Stewards of ANDALUCIA RALLY 2022.
2. Competitor No. 303 claimed in its protest that Competitor No. 304 was in breach of Art. 50.1.2 of the 2022 FIA CCR SR during road section B on Leg 3 at 20:51 hrs.
3. Video and photo evidences were submitted with the protest.
4. Both parties were summoned and heard together by the Stewards. The following persons were present at the hearing:

On behalf of Competitor No. 303:	Annett Fischer Annie Seel	Driver Co-Driver
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On behalf of Competitor No. 304:	Jean-Luc Pisson Cédric Duplé	Driver Co-Driver
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The hearing was held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at 16:45 hrs in the Stewards' Room with all Stewards present.

5. No objections were raised against the composition of the Stewards panel.

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6. At the hearing the parties referred to the documents previously submitted. None of the parties submitted further evidence nor initiated the hearing of additional persons or asked to conduct further investigations.

## On the Admissibility:

7. The Stewards examined the admissibility of the protest:
  - 7.1 The protest was lodged in due time, in accordance with Art. 13.3 of the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code.
  - 7.2 The protest was lodged by a single competitor against a single competitor as stipulated in the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 13.1.1 to 13.1.3, Art. 13.7.3 and Art. 13.7.4.
  - 7.3 The subject of the protest was against an alleged breach of the regulations during the competition, as stipulated in the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 13.2.1 and Art. 13.4.1
  - 7.4 The protest was properly accompanied by the protest deposit of € 1000, as stipulated in Art. 13.4.2 of the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code, Art. 61.2.1 of the 2022 FIA CCR SR and in Art. 14.2 of the event Supplementary Regulations.

The Stewards find that the protest is admissible and that the requirements of the Code have been complied with.

## Hearing of the Parties:

8. The Stewards asked to the Protester to explain the reasons of his protest.
9. The Protester stated that competitor N° 304 received unauthorized assistance on liaison B on Leg 3 between ASS to CH Bivouac. Vehicle N° 304 was towed by other car. The codriver of Car N° 303 showed a video on her phone that confirmed the fact of the towing.
10. The video evidence submitted by the protester was showed to all parties. This timestamp of the video confirmed the time of the breach.
11. Nobody raised exception regarding the video submitted as evidence.
12. Competitor of Car N° 304 confirmed the fact of the towing which was showed on the video. They explained that after washing the car they had mechanical issues. Their car was towed for around 300 meters.

**After the hearing was closed by the Chairman at 17h15, the Stewards took the following decision after due deliberation.**

## Offence:

13. Competitor No. 304 breached 2022 FIA CCR SR Art. 50.1.2.

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## Decision:

- 14. The protest is admissible.
- 15. The protest is upheld.
- 16. To impose disqualification from the event to competitor N° 304.
- 17. The protest fee to be returned to Competitor N° 303.

## Reason

According to the Art. 50.1.2 of the 2022 CCRSR, the crew, using solely the equipment on board and with no external physical assistance, may perform service on the car at any time, other than where this is specifically prohibited.

In this case, the competitor No 304 has benefited from external assistance, which is not allowed.

In the absence of an opportunity to complete a leg without outside external assistance, the competitor would be subject to the rule provided for in Art. 34.1 *any crew which has failed to complete a leg will be assumed to re-start the event from the start of the leg unless they confirm otherwise to the Clerk of the Course in writing.*

The competitor would be subject to a time penalty. However, the competitor could continue the competition.

The competitor No 304 resorted to external assistance, which is not legal.

The stewards decide that there is no reason to apply a more lenient penalty than disqualification in this case.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

**Arnas PALIUKENAS**  
FIA Chairman of the Stewards

**Istvan MONI**  
FIA Steward

**Virginia GOMEZ FERNANDEZ**  
ASN Steward

Competitor: ANNETT FISCHER  
Crew: ANNETT FISCHER / ANNIE SEEL  
Date: 23.10.22  
Time: 7:15

Vehicle No: 303

Signature:

Competitor: <sup>19h15</sup> JEAN-LUC PISSON  
Crew: JEAN-LUC PISSON / CÉDRIC DUPLÉ  
Date: 23/10/22  
Time:

Vehicle No: 304

Signature:

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