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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION 5**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: *Competitor No 401 Name: **LOEB FRAYMEDIA MOTORSPORT - RZR FACTORY RACING***

*Crew: **BROCK HEGER / MAX EDDY***

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Attachments: -

The Stewards, having received video evidence from the FIA Sporting Delegate, having summoned and heard the Crew members and the Team Manager (Mr. Jean-Philippe NICOLAO) and having investigated the action that was shown, have considered the following matter, and after due deliberation determine the following:

Fact: The navigator of car #401 was not wearing his safety belts in the correct way for approximately 70 seconds during Selective Section No 2, although the vehicle was in motion. In addition, it was observed that the vehicle was in motion while a wheel gun was lying loose on the dashboard.

Offence: Breach of Article 47.1 of 2026 FIA CCRSR and 2026 FIA ISC Appendix J Article 283-5

Decision: **To impose a time penalty of 730 seconds on Competitor Car No 401 for SS 1.**

Reason: The Stewards heard from the Team Manager and the crew members and reviewed on-board video footage. The video footage shows that the Competitor Car No. 401 stopped on SS2 for 2 times. The video evidence clearly shows that the navigator was not wearing his safety belts correctly for approximately 70 seconds in total during Selective Section 2 while the vehicle was in motion. During the hearing, the navigator stated that, in the first instance, he unfastened his seat belt because his timecard had fallen onto the floor. He indicated that this occurred in a speed control zone. In the second instance, the driver set off before the navigator had fully fastened his safety belt. Subsequently, the navigator noticed that a wheel gun was lying loose on the dashboard. As soon as he became aware of this, he immediately stowed it in the designated location.

The Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations are very clear in Article 47.1 in saying: ***“Whenever a vehicle is in motion on any type of Selective Section and until the stop control, the crew must wear homologated crash helmets, all required safety clothing and equipment in compliance with Appendix L Chapter III – Drivers’ Equipment as intended by the equipment manufacturer and have their safety belts correctly fastened. (...)”***

Furthermore, FIA ISC Appendix J Art 283-5 states: (...) ***Large objects carried on board the vehicle (such as the spare wheel, tool kit, etc.) must be firmly fixed.***

Safety belts, together with the Frontal Head Restraint (FHR), and the prevention of loose objects in the cockpit are essential safety measures to protect the crew in the case of an accident. Compliance with these requirements is fundamental, as safety remains one of the FIA’s primary concerns, and the FIA is committed to doing everything possible to protect, among others, the crew members.

The stewards find that there is a breach of the regulations, and that the crew gained a time advantage through non-compliant behaviour of the crew member. Therefore, a time penalty that also compensates for the time advantage is justified. The total time penalty consists of 700 seconds for not correctly wearing the safety belt and 30 seconds for failing to secure the wheel gun while the vehicle was in motion.

This decision is based on 2026 FIA ISC Art. 11.7.1.a, Art. 11.7.3.a, Art. 11.7.3.f, and Art. 12.4.1.h.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 5 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Jan SEINEN
Chair of the Panel of Stewards



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FIA Steward



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This decision was notified to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as follows:

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	JEAN-PHILIPPE NICOLAO	<i>Date:</i>	06.01.2026
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM MANAGER	<i>Time:</i>	22:15

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