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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION 8**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: *Competitor No 301 Name: **ODYSSEY ACADEMY BY BBR***

*Crew: **DANIA AKEEL / SÉBASTIEN DELAUNAY***

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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. Loïc BONNEVIE) and having investigated the action that was shown, have considered the following matter, and after due deliberation determine the following:

Facts: The navigator of car #301 was not wearing his safety belts in the correct way for approximately 5 seconds during Selective Section 2, while the vehicle was in motion.

The team attempted to bring a loose spare wheel inside the cockpit. As a result, the onboard surveillance camera was damaged.

The vehicle failed to reach the next service area with all the wheels fitted or installed during the previous service area.

Offence: Breach of Articles 13.4.2, 47.1 and 50.4.1. of 2026 FIA CCSR

Decision: **To impose a time penalty of 10 minutes and 50 seconds on Competitor Car No 301 for SS2.**

To impose a reprimand on the Competitor of Car No 301

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. 301 stopped on SS2. The video evidence clearly shows that the navigator was not wearing his safety belts correctly for approximately 5 seconds during Selective Section 2 while the vehicle was in motion, and that the onboard surveillance camera was damaged.

During the hearing, the crew stated that they had to stop to secure a loose spare wheel. However, this was no longer possible at the original location, as the fastening devices had been damaged. The crew attempted to transport the wheel inside the cockpit but realised that this was not feasible. While attempting to bring the wheel into the cockpit, the onboard surveillance camera was damaged. The wheel was subsequently left behind and was not taken to the finish.

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, Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations Article 50.4.1 states: ***“Any wheel fitted on a vehicle or installed inside a vehicle during servicing must reach the next service area or the next remote service zone. Under no circumstances should wheels/tires or parts be left inside or outside these zones, on pain of penalty as per Appendix I.”***

In addition Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations Article 13.4.2 states about ON-BOARD SURVEILLANCE CAMERA (OBSC): “*Team members or third parties are forbidden to interfere with or move any such device.*”

Safety belts, together with the Frontal Head Restraint (FHR), are essential safety devices designed 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.

As the crew confirmed during the hearing that the loose wheel was not taken to the next service area, the Stewards consider that the standard penalty as described in Appendix I of the 2026 FIA CCRSR (10-minute sporting penalty) must be applied for this infringement.

The Stewards further find that there was no deliberate intent to damage the on-board surveillance camera with the wheel. Therefore, this matter is sanctioned with a reprimand.

This decision is based on 2026 FIA ISC Art. 11.7.1.a, Art. 11.7.3.a, Art. 11.7.3.f, 12.4.1.b. 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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This decision was notified to the Competitor’s officially nominated representative as follows:

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