

# Italian Baja

06th – 09th July 2023



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Date: **Saturday, 08<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Time: **21.30 hrs**

Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 7**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: Competitor car **no 202** Name: **OVERDRIVE RACING**  
Crew: **Denis Krotov / Konstantin Zhiltsov**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course (Doc 3.15), having examined the evidences, having heard the Team Representative (Mr. Jordi Duran), having considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** During SS3, Car No 202 received prohibited assistance from team mechanics.

**Offence:** Breach of 2023 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations (CCRSR) Art. 49.1.2, Art. 49.1.3, Art. 49.2.1 and Art. 49.2.2.

**Decision:** **Disqualification of Competitor No 202 from the FIA event**

**Reason:** According to Art. 49.1.2 of the FIA 2023 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.

During Selective Sections any service, except that expressly allowed in these regulations, is forbidden. Only crews with FIA groups vehicles still in the competition for the current Stage/SS may assist each other (Art. 49.1.3 of the FIA 2023 CCRSR).

According to Art. 49.2.1 of the FIA 2023 CCRSR, the presence of team personnel or any team Conveyance (including helicopters) is prohibited within 1 kilometre of its competing vehicle except:

- in service parks and remote service zones.
- in commercial fuel stations and refuelling zones, other than inside a competitive part of a Selective Section.
- at the end of Selective Sections (from the finish line sign to the stop sign at the end of the Selective Section).
- whilst the vehicles are in a media zone.
- where the competing vehicles following the route as prescribed in the Road book are required to use the same road(s) at the same time as team personnel.
- in Selective Sections as long the competition vehicles are in motion.

Team personnel must not deviate from the route detailed in the assistance Road book (Art. 49.2.2 of the FIA 2023 CCRSR).

According to the Clerk of the Course report, during the Selective Section 3, Competitor No 202 stopped due to a mechanical failure and, after receiving technical assistance from two external team mechanics, he restarted the race.

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During the hearing, the Team Representative admitted the fact. He explained that the Competitor had a mechanical failure.

In the absence of an opportunity to complete a stage 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 stage will be assumed to re-start the event from the start of the stage 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 202 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.

The decision is based on the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, art.11.9.2.a, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f and Art 12.4.1.m.

Competitors are reminded of their right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

**Arnas PALIUKENAS**  
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

**Virginia GÓMEZ**  
FIA Steward

**Claudio ETTORI**  
ASN Steward

Received:

Competitor:

**OVERDRIVE RACING**

Vehicle No: **202**

Crew:

**Denis Krotov / Konstantin Zhiltsov**

Date:

**08/07/23**

Time:

**21:48**

Signature:

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