

# Italian Baja

06th – 09th July 2023



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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 18**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: *The Organiser: Fuoristrada Club 4x4 Pordenone & Top S.r.l.*

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The Stewards, after conducting an investigation, summoned and heard the representative of the organiser, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** **The Clerk of the Course, chosen by the Organiser, arbitrarily changed the starting order after the Section 2 before the Section 3**

**Offence:** Breach of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 1.3.1.a, Art. 1.3.1.b., Art. 12.2.1.c, 2023 FIA Cross-Country Sporting Regulations Art. 32

**Decision:** \* **Reprimand to the Organiser Fuoristrada Club 4x4 Pordenone & Top S.r.l.**  
\* **To forward this decision to the FIA Cross-Country Commission for further action**

**Reason** During the investigation, the Stewards wanted to get an explanation from Clerk of the Course himself for what reasons he arbitrarily changed the starting order. Clerk of the Course explained that he did it "for safety reasons." But couldn't explain how it could have positively influenced "safety reasons".

The Stewards concluded that any person, or group of persons, organising a competition **shall be deemed to be acquainted with the statutes and regulations of the FIA and the national regulations and shall undertake to submit themselves without reserve to the above and to the decisions of the sporting authority and to the consequences resulting therefrom** (Art 1.3.1, 1.3.1.a and 1.3.1.b of the FIA 2023 International Sporting Code).

According to the ISC Art 2.2.5, an International Competition, when it counts towards an international championship, cup, trophy, challenge or series which bears the name of FIA, is placed under the sporting supervision of the FIA. Consequently, **the Organiser of the FIA World Cup for Cross Country Bajas event must follow the FIA regulations.**

The Stewards decide that in this case a fair sports fight was not ensured, since arbitrarily (without complying with the requirements of the rules) the starting order was changed. This causes damage to motorsports.

All offences or infringements are punishable, whether they were committed intentionally or through negligence (ISC Art. 12.1.1.a).

According to the ISC Art. 11.9.1, the Stewards shall have supreme authority for the enforcement of the International Sporting Code, of the regulations of the FIA if appropriate, of national rules and Supplementary Regulations and of Official Programmes within the framework of the Event for which they are appointed.

ISC Art. 11.9.3.a provides that Stewards shall decide what penalty to enforce in the event of a breach of the regulations.

Any breach of the Code, of the national rules or their appendices, or of any Supplementary Regulations committed by any organiser, any other person or organisation may be penalised or fined.

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Taking into account the fact that the representative of the organiser acknowledged the violation committed, the most lenient penalty to be imposed on the Organiser – a Warning. It must also be considered appropriate to forward this decision through the FIA Rally Department to the FIA Cross-Country Commission for further action in order to prevent such situations from happening in the future, if the Commission considers that any additional proactive action can be taken in this case, to remind all organisers repeatedly to follow the established procedure.

The Stewards decide for a Reprimand as penalty to the Organiser according to the ISC Art. 12.4.1 b and forward the decision through the FIA Rally Department to the FIA Cross-Country Commission for further action, if the Commission feels it would be necessary.

The organiser is reminded of his 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

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ASN Steward

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Organiser: **Fuoristrada Club 4x4 Pordenone & Top S.r.l.**

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