

# Italian Baja

06th – 09th July 2023



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Date: **Sunday, 09<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Time: **10.00 hrs**

Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 9**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: *Competitor Car No 314 Name: **FEDERICO BUTTO'**  
Crew: **Federico Butto' / Elisa Tassile***

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The Stewards, having received the report from the FIA Technical Delegate (Doc. 6.2), having examined the document and photo, summoned, and heard the driver **FEDERICO BUTTO'**, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** Car 314 was driven after SS2, on the road section (on the public road) with only three freely rotating wheels and tyres.

**Offence:** Breach of Art. 27.1.9 of the 2023 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations (FIA CCRSR) and of Art. 12.2.1.h of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code.

**Decision: To impose a fine penalty of 300 EURO on the Competitor Car No 314**

In accordance with Article 12.8 FIA International Sporting Code, the payment of the fines must be done online, within 48 hours of their notification, at the following address: <https://fiafines.fia.com> Any delay in making payment may entail suspension during the period he fine remains unpaid.

**Reason:** The photo has been taken by the technical scrutineer at the technical zone, after Service IN TC. The crew of car No 314 drove without the left front wheel for all the way from the STOP of SS2 to the TC Service IN on public road.

During the hearing, the driver explained that the crew had an accident in the SS2. After they managed to reach the finish of the SS2, they decided that there was no other option but to drive the car on three wheels.

To the question of the stewards why they chose to behave so unsafely and rush to drive the car on three wheels, instead of calling for help and not endangering other road users (since the crew, according to Art. 27.1.9, is in any case considered as having retired in this stage), the driver said that he did not see any difference in terms of safety between driving a car on four wheels and driving a car on three wheels.

The stewards decide that this attitude of the driver (who in this case is also a competitor) to safety is not compatible with the proper behaviour. Such an approach is not in line with the goals of motorsport, it undermines the efforts of the motorsport community to popularize this sport. This harms the image of not only individual events, but also motorsport in general. And since this is an international event, the damage is even greater. The motorsport community is making tremendous efforts to ensure and promote safety. Opposite behaviour can not be tolerated.

Even if the Competitor has been considered retired under CCRSR Art. 27.1.9, the crew continued to drive after SS2 on public roads in that unsafe condition which is

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dangerous, and the Stewards decided that this was hence also a breach of 2023 FIA ISC Art. 12.2.1.h.

The stewards, however, decide that the imposition of a penalty in this case can be limited to a not very severe penalty, in the hope that the driver (competitor) will understand the inadequacy of his behaviour and will not repeat it in the future.

The decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3 f; Art. 12.4.1.c

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

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Received: *COLLODEL NICOLA*

Competitor: **FEDERICO BUTTO'**

Crew: **Federico Butto' / Elisa Tassile**

Time: *10:45*

Vehicle No: **314**

Date: *09/07/23*

Signature: *Collo*

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