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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** The Competitor MOTORSPORT IRELAND RALLY ACADEMY of car No. 48  
Crew Kyle MCBRIDE  
Liam CALLAGHAN  
All Competitors / crew members

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with photo and video evidence attached, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** Car No. 48 stopped on the road section between SS 6 – Colins 1 and SS7 Gårdsjö 2. An Individual, holding a Team pass of the Event, approached the car and worked inside the engine bay of the car together with the crew.

**Offence** Breach of Art. 56.1.2 of the 2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations and Art. 56.2.1 of the 2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations

**Decision** **Disqualification of Competitor of Car No. 48**

**Reason** The Stewards examined the report received from the Clerk of the Course, together with the photographic and video evidence attached.

From the video and photo material, it is clearly visible that Car No. 48 stopped on the road section between SS6 Colins 1 and SS7 Gårdsjö 2. There, the crew members performed work on the car, while an individual wearing a Team pass of the Event was observed bent over the engine bay of the car, actively engaged in work on the vehicle.

A hearing was held on 23rd May 2026 with the Team Representative of the Competitor of Car No. 48, Ms Kathleen KENNEDY, the Driver Mr. Kyle MCBRIDE, and the Co-Driver Mr. Liam CALLAGHAN. The driver explained that they had a mechanical issue after SS6 and the crew were repairing the car when the individual in the pictures approached them and leant over the engine bay to offer assistance. The driver confirmed that this individual was, in fact, his father who had been in the area as a spectator. The driver and co-driver admitted that they were aware of the regulations regarding external assistance and presence of team member outside the service park.

Article 56.1.2 of the 2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations clearly prohibits any form of external assistance outside the Service Park. In this case, the Stewards note that the intervention not only involved direct physical work on the car by a person not forming part of the competing crew members, but it is evident, from the video evidence, that no member of the crew instructed this person to step away or to cease the intervention.

The Stewards further consider that, given the clarity of the regulations regarding prohibited assistance, and the nature of the infringement, such intervention provided an unfair sporting advantage and is a serious breach of the regulations.

After considering all relevant factors, including the severity of the infringement and its impact on sporting fairness, the Stewards decide that the Car No. 48 is disqualified from the competition.

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 2026 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Alice SCUTELLA'  
The Stewards



Andrew KELLITT



Mattias HALLQVIST

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	KATHELEEN KENNEDY	<i>Date:</i>	<b>23.5.2026</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	Team Manager	<i>Time:</i>	22:10

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