

100 Acre Wood, 14-16 March 2024

STEWARD DECISION 3



From: The Stewards

Date: 11 March 2024

To: The Event Organizers and Entries without Cars

Time (decision): 16:00EDT

The Stewards, having been alerted by the event registrar Marni Nagy that several entries that were accepted without a specified competition vehicle have informed the registrar, subsequent to the deadline specified in Steward Decision 1, of the vehicle that they wish to enter, have considered and determined the following:

- **Session:** The period after the close of entries (23:59 on 29 February 2024) and prior to the posting of the provisional day 1 start list (20:00 on 14 March 2024)
- Rules: GCR 4.12 governing an entry containing incorrect information, GCR 4.15 governing the change of an entered vehicle, RCR 2.5.1 governing entry deadline, and GCR 6.2.3.1 empowering Stewards to authorize a change of crew or competition vehicle.
- **Decision:** The deadline specified in Steward Decision 1 that authorizes the organizers to add a missing competition vehicle to an entry that is communicated via an official inquiry is extended to 23:59EDT on Monday 11 March. Inquiries received after this deadline are not covered by this blanket authorization and will be dealt with individually.

Reasons:

- The Stewards considered that failure to remedy a deficient (incomplete) entry by the extended deadline of 8 March that was stipulated in Steward Decision 1 could be deemed a breach of GCR 4.12 making such entries null and void. There are a number of things that ARA and the event organizers must do to prepare for an event that cannot be successfully accomplished in a timely manner when entry information is missing at the close of entries. However, rather than interpret GCR 4.12 this way, the Stewards instead reaffirm their recommendation that ARA issue a Bulletin that clarifies the application of this rule to entries that are incomplete at the time when entries close.
- GCR 4.15 allows the registered competition vehicle specified on an entry to be changed after close of entries provided said change is compliant with all applicable regulations and is approved by the Stewards. The Stewards approve the addition of a car to any accepted entry for which no Car was specified. This blanket approval by the Stewards is only for 2024 100 Acre Wood rally and is not meant to set a precedence for such situations.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 9 of the ARA General Competition Rules.

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