



100 Acre Wood, 14-16 March 2024

STEWARD DECISION 1



From: The Stewards

Date: 8 March 2024

To: The Event Organizers and Entries without Co-Drivers or Cars **Time (decision):** 13:50EDT

The Stewards, having been alerted by the event scorer Marni Nagy that several entries have been accepted by the organizers with no nominated Co-Driver and/or Car, 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 2 and RCR 2.1.1 that define an entered crew, GCR 4.8 governing entries, 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.I empowering Stewards to authorize a change of crew or competition vehicle.

Decision: The organizers are authorized to add any eligible Co-Driver and/or Car to an incomplete entry as requested by a competitor via an official Inquiry received by the 8 March deadline specified by the organizers on the Sportivity Official Notice Board. Inquiries received after this deadline are not covered by this blanket authorization and will be dealt with individually.


Reasons:

- GCR 2 and RCR 2.1.1 define an entered crew as consisting of those two persons nominated on the official entry form as Driver and Co-Driver. Several entries failed to include a Co-Driver and/or a Car on their entry form by the close of entries in breach of RCR 2.5.1.
- The Stewards considered that the submission of a deficient (incomplete) entry 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 recommend that ARA issue a Bulletin that clarifies the application of this rule to entries that are incomplete at the time when entries close.
- GCR 4.8 allows an accepted entry to be altered after the close of entries only in the event of force majeure and agreement by the organizers. The absence of a Co-Driver on any entry that has been accepted by the organizers of the 2024 100 Acre Wood rally is deemed to be force majeure. This blanket determination by the Stewards applies only to 2024 100 Acre Wood rally and is not meant to set a precedence for such situations. The

organizers are in favor of allowing the addition of a Co-Driver to an otherwise complete entry.

- 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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