



DECISION Nr. 1

From: the Stewards

Date: 06 March 2026

To: Competitor car nr. 39 – Escuderia Coppa Amici
Crew: Laszlo Mekler – Edit Mekler

Time (decision): 15:00

The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Eligibility Delegate with photographic evidence attached, summoned and heard the drivers and the Competitor (Summons nr. 1), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Driver and car No: Car nr. 39 - Laszlo Mekler – Edit Mekler

Competitor: Escuderia Coppa Amici

Time (fact): 08:39

Session: Regrouping before TC1b

Fact: A team member was assisting the crew with starting operations of the car with an external battery at the regrouping before TC1b

Offence: Breach of Article 56.1 and Article 56.2.2 of the 2026 FIA European Historic Rally Pre-1992 Championship Sporting Regulations

Decision: **3 minutes time penalty**

Reason: The Stewards have received a report and photographic evidence from the FIA Eligibility Delegate stating and showing that a team member was assisting the crew with starting operations of the car with an external battery at the regrouping before TC1b. The Stewards summoned and heard from the drivers and the Competitor.

The Competitor explained that he was having trouble starting the car and a mechanic brought and assisted with a spare battery to start the car in the regrouping.

According to Article 56.2.2 of the 2026 FIA European Historic Rally Pre-1992 Championship Sporting Regulations, should a car be unable to be restarted and driven under its own power from the Parc Fermé to the service area before service, the officials/marshals and/or team personnel shall be permitted to push or tow the car to its dedicated service bay.

The Stewards determined that, according to the photographic evidence they received, at the time when the crew was in the process of starting the car using an external battery in order to leave the regrouping and proceed to TC1b, a team member was present next to the car on the driver's side, with the door open, and clearly assisting the crew with starting operations of the car. The Stewards note that while Article 56.2.2 of the FIA European Historic Rally Pre-1992 Championship Sporting Regulations allows a team member to push or tow the car from the Parc Fermé to the service area, this permission is limited strictly to the physical movement of the car and does not extend to performing any form of other assistance or servicing. The Stewards therefore conclude that, in this case, the action of the relevant team personnel at the regrouping cannot be interpreted as a permitted assistance to push or tow the car from the Parc Fermé to the service area.

Moreover, the Stewards determined that the relevant team personnel assisted the crew in the operations connected to the use of the external battery and to the start of the car in the regrouping, which shall be considered as an action constituting an external physical assistance and hence a performing of service in breach of Article 56.1 of the 2026 FIA European Historic Rally Pre-1992 Championship Sporting Regulations.

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determined that the Competitor of Car nr. 39 was in breach of the above mentioned regulations and deemed a time penalty being appropriate in this case in line with analogous precedents.

Competitors are reminded that they have the 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 (both documents can be found at <https://www.fia.com>).

Filippo Lurà
Chair of the panel of the Stewards

Wilhelm Singer
FIA Steward

Ruth Lapieza
ASN Steward

Received by the Competitor:

Name (in block letters):

Position within the Team:

Signature:

Date: Time: