

# 72 RALLY MOTUL COSTA BRAVA,

14 - 16 March 2024



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Subject:	Stewards Decision No. 03	Document No.:	2.4
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no: 60 - MATHIEU MARTINETTI Crew: Mathieu MARTINETTI / Virginie MAUREL		
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The Stewards, having received a report with photo forwarded by the Chief Scrutineer, summoned and heard the drivers a second time, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** On 15.03.204 at TC4 at about approx.19.00 hrs, when informed by the Scrutineer about fixed trigger of the fire extinguishing system, the crew was shouting at the scrutineer and behaved aggressively.

**Offence:** Breach of Article 3.8.1 of the FIA International Sporting Code (Code)  
Breach of Article 12.2.1.f of the FIA International Sporting Code (Code)  
Breach of Article 12.2.1.i of the Code  
Breach of Article 12.2.1.k of the Code  
Breach of Article 34.1.1 of the EHRC Regulation

**Decision:** Reprimand

**Reason:** The competitor was informed accordingly by the Stewards and was given the possibility, if he wished, to bring forward any representations.

A hearing was held on 16<sup>th</sup> at 18h30 in the presence of driver and co-driver and two witnesses, Mrs. Georgina Orero and Mr. Joan Sanchez. Both declared that they checked the tyres and also the fire extinguishing system. When they found out that the trigger of the fire extinguishing system was taped, they informed the driver that this is not allowed. The driver reacted very aggressively and asked "What is the problem?".

Mr. MARTINETTI explained that nobody told him that it was the trigger fixed with tape. Moreover, neither he nor his co-driver had shouted at the scrutineers, nor had he used abusive language. He was about to leave the time control and wanted to go the start of the stage.

As to not re-starting in Leg 2 he said, that, after the hear yesterday, they were not in the mood to re-start the competition.

The Code very clearly states that the failure to follow the instructions of the relevant officials for the safe and orderly conduct of the event is a breach of the regulations. It is evident, as photos show, that the crew did not remove the tape pointed out by the scrutineer but drove into the parc fermé with this fixed trigger of the fire extinguishing system.

Shouting at officials is generally a violation of the code, especially when done in public. The behaviour of drivers in public is also an important part of the image of motorsport. Bad behaviour damages the reputation of historic motorsport and motorsport as a whole.

It must be highlighted the fact that the vast majority of Officials are unpaid Volunteers. Therefore, people who give up their spare time, often on numerous occasions each year, for the benefit of motor sport can expect that the competitors do recognise this and treat them accordingly.

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Art. 3.8.1 of the Code states that "An Entry compels the Competitor to take part in the Competition in which they have accepted to run, except in case of duly established Force Majeure." Leaving the competition car in the Parc Fermé without reason of Force Majeure and not starting the second stage is contrary to this Article.

Based on all the reasons listed, the Steward concluded that there are many different offences against the FIA regulations. As a mitigating factor, the Stewards took into consideration that there may have been language barriers and communication was therefore difficult. The Stewards also took into account in their decision that the crew was already stressed as the start of the SS was imminent.


The decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, art.11.9.2.a, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, and Art 12.4.1.b.

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.

  
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FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

  
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FIA Steward

  
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<b>Received by the Competitor:</b>	
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Position within the team:	PILOTE
Signature:	
Date: .....	Time: .....