



OverMountain Rally, September 19-21, 2025

DECISION 3

From: The Stewards

To: Car 417

Date: 9/21/2025

The Stewards, having received a report from the CoC that car 417 had not stopped at an SOS on Stage2 have reviewed the matter and determined the following:

Driver and car No: Car #417 A. Raftery and H.McKillop.

Time (fact): 5/20/2025 1100 (approximately)

Fact: Car 191 left the road on SS02 and ended up in a ravine not visible from the stage road. The incident triggered an automatic SOS which was confirmed by the crew within 5 seconds as SOS Medical. RallySafe data indicates that car #417's device displayed SOS from 189 meters before until 190 meters after the incident for a total of 25 seconds. The crew of Car #417 did not see the SOS or car 191, never slowed, continued to the finish, and were surprised to learn they had passed the incident. Car #126 was next on the scene and initiated the SOS procedure which was followed by all subsequent cars.

The RallySafe unit in Car #417 was located low on the co-driver's door.

Offence: RCR 5.15 Use of Safety Devices and ARA Bulletin 2025-3.

Decision: Had Car #191 been visible from the road; the stewards would have applied a penalty of 10 minutes and \$2,500. All ARA competitors should be aware that this will be the usual penalty for this offence. However, due to the mitigating circumstances below, the penalty will be 2 minutes and \$1,000.

Reason: The crew of Car #417 claims they never saw the SOS. The stewards consulted with the Director of SAS (owner of RallySafe). He stated that in 14 years there has never been an incident where the log indicated an SOS had been displayed when it had not. The opinion of the stewards is that the SOS displayed, but the co-driver did not see the SOS and the driver could not see the display while driving.

ARA Bulletin 2025-3 states that the unit must be "visible at all times." It is the opinion of the stewards that the position of the RallySafe unit hindered the driver's ability to see the display. This positioning is not verified in Scrutineering.

It is the recommendation of the stewards that ARA mandate that the position of the RallySafe display is clearly visible to both the driver and co-driver.

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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Justin Pritchard – Sr. Steward

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J.B. Niday - Event Steward