

Round 01 of the 2025 FIA European Rallycross Championship for RX3

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From:	The Stewards	
To:	Competitor car #: 103 Jorge Machado Driver Jorge Machado	
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The Stewards, having received a report from FIA Technical Delegate, summoned and heard the driver(s) and team representative(s) (summons No 1), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: The Competitor could not present the RoL cage certificate during the pre-event scrutineering.

Offence: Breach of appendix J article 253.8.1a..

Decision: Not allowed to start – disqualification.

Reason: The Competitor/Driver was summoned and was given the opportunity to present any statements. The representatives explained that they had begun using this car in national events without previously encountering any issues.

The Stewards granted the Competitor until 09:45 on 31 May 2025 to provide evidence of the roll cage certificate. However, the Competitor was unable to present a valid document within this deadline.

The roll cage certificate is an essential component of the required documentation for the vehicle. It demonstrates the car's compliance with FIA technical and safety regulations applicable to competition vehicles. Without this certificate, the competitor cannot demonstrate that the construction of the roll cage is not dangerous for the driver.

The International Court of Appeal has previously ruled that, under "exceptional circumstances", a Competitor's objective responsibility for a technical non-compliance may justify a penalty less severe than disqualification.

However, in this case, the non-compliance directly concerns safety. The Stewards do not recognise any exceptional circumstances in this matter.

Accordingly, disqualification ("not allowed to start") of Car No. 103 is the only appropriate sanction.

This decision is made pursuant to Articles 10.2, 11.9.1, 11.9.3.a, 11.9.3.i of the FIA International Sporting Code and to Article 19 of the FIA RX Sporting Regulations.

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.

In accordance with Article 12.3.3.b of the Code, this decision is immediately binding, even in the event of an appeal, as it relates to matters that may present an ongoing or further safety risk, including but not limited to vehicle safety.



Ludek Kopecky (CZE)
Chair of the Stewards



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This decision was notified by SPORTITY to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as below:

<i>Name in block letters</i>	Jorge Machado	Date	31st May 2025
<i>Position in the team</i>	Driver	Time	9 :34h

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