STEWARDS DECISION



Document F4B

2024 Tatts Finke Desert Race Alice Springs Region 7th June 2024

The Stewards, having received an Infringement Notice (Document F4A) from the Clerk of Course and heard from Competitor Jeff McNiven and Course Checker Campbell Smith, and having received no objections to the panel composition, have considered the matter and determine the following:

Competitor	
Competitor	Jeff McNiven, Car 604 SXS Pro
Date	5 th June 2024
Session	Reconnaissance
Fact	Car 604 was observed to be driving on the course at approximately 8am on the 5 th of June 2024, during reconnaissance.
Rule	Supplementary Regulations rule 11.3 – Reconnaissance The 2024 Tatts Finke Desert Course is an open and public road every day of the year and is only closed for the event proper at 6:00am to 6.00pm on Sunday 9 June 2024 and Monday 10th June 2024. The course may be driven by licenced drivers at any time in vehicles that are registered or able to be registered in the Northern Territory. ATV's or UTVs with special registration in other states are NOT applicable in the Northern Territory. State and federal road rules apply.
Decision	The Stewards impose a 15 minute time penalty. As per rule 21.2 of the Off Road Championship Sporting Regulations (v2), the penalty is to be applied at the conclusion of the event. As the infringement occurred prior to Prologue, the stewards have determined that the penalty shall be applied to the Section one time, as if the infringement had occurred during Prologue.
Reason	As per Supplementary Regulations rule 11.3, highlighted in yellow, ATV's or UTVs with special registration in other states are NOT applicable in the Northern Territory. State and federal road rules apply. Although car 604 has Limited Use Registration in Queensland, the Stewards determined that this does not meet the requirements that are stipulated in the Supplementary Regulations. The Northern Territory has specific requirements for Conditional Registration of ATVs, that specify the Conditional Registration is for work use only (non-recreational), and has restrictions imposed including but not limited to speed restrictions.
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As this decision has been handed down prior to the commencement of competition, and competition is due to conclude approximately 72 hours after this decision is given in writing to the competitor, the Stewards have determined that the 96 hour timeframe for submission of the appeal proper is to commence at 8am on Tuesday 11th June 2024.

Issued by the Stewards of the Meeting:

Ross Makela	Brenton Taylor	Phill Gray
Chair	Steward	Steward
Motorsport Australia Stewards		

DATE: 7 June 2024 **TIME:** 13:00hrs