Clarification of the entry lists criteria – Seelow

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Dear Autocross & Cross Car, Teams, Competitors and Drivers,

Due to the high number of enquiries regarding the publication of the entry lists for Round 1 of the 2025 FIA European Autocross and Cross Car Championships, this extraordinary announcement is issued explaining the criteria applied for the publication of the final entry lists:

1. The publication of the first preliminary entry lists (06/05/25) used erroneous criteria different from the one established by the 2025 Sporting Regulations of the FIA European Autocross & Cross Car Championships (hereinafter "Sporting Regulations"), which is why corrected versions of the preliminary entry lists were published the following day (07/05/25).

2. The second preliminary lists were created based on the organiser's estimation of the possibility of obtaining additional space in the paddock to accommodate a larger number of competitors than the number established by article 7.3.4 of the Sporting Regulations (maximum of 140 competitors), where a total capacity of 160 competitors was estimated.

3. Unfortunately, the organiser was only able to secure additional space for 10 more competitors, so on 13/05/25, the FIA granted a waiver allowing the organiser to hold the Round 1 of the Championship with a maximum of 150 competitors, which is more than the number set by the Sporting Regulations; this decision was taken in order to give as many competitors as possible the opportunity to participate.

4. After the publication of the entry lists on 13/05/25, the organiser requested a second waiver, which was granted by the FIA, increasing the **maximum number of competitors to 153**, which led to the publication of the final corrected Cross Car entry list on the evening of 13/05/25, considering 3 more competitors according to the criteria explained below.

5. It is of utmost importance to stress that the preliminary entry lists are not binding and should not be taken as a final list of participants; only the final entry lists are the binding lists of competitors to a competition.

6. The 153 competitors were chosen based on the criteria set out in article 7.1.5 of the Sporting Regulations, which states the following:

"Acceptance of entries will be decided by each organiser but priority will be given by each category and entries will be selected and validated according to the following order of priorities:
1) Best 15 Drivers classified in the previous year of this Championship.
2) Best 15 Drivers classified in the present year.
3) Drivers with the most starts in competitions in the present year (from most starts to 2 starts).
4) Drivers will be selected according to the order in which they completed their entry application with proof of payment on the FIA registration platform.
5) Organiser has the right to propose 5 Competitors/Drivers as Wild Card, over and above priorities from 1) to 4). European Championship Entries always have priority in front of Support Race Entries."

7. Criteria 1, 4 and 5 have been applied for the determination of the final entry lists, since, due to the absence of previous races in the current season, criteria 2 and 3 are not relevant for the Round 1.

8. Applying criteria 1 and 5 (first places from the previous season and wild cards granted by the organizer) a total of **67 competitors were admitted to this race under these criteria**.

9. A total of **86 competitors were admitted to the race applying criterion 4** (the date on which they completed their registration with proof of payment), so the date and time of payment was decisive in determining which competitors were left off the final entry lists. Consequently, the last competitor admitted to the competition based on this criterion, made his payment on the 24/04/25.

10. The reason why some Buggy1600 and SuperBuggy competitors have been eliminated, along with Cross Car, is because, under the Sporting Regulations, no category has priority over another, so the criteria of article 7.1.5 apply as a whole, consequently, if a competitor has paid after the competitor 153, he will not be included in the race, regardless of his category.

We regret that some participants were unable to secure their place in this competition, but registration has been handled in accordance with the strict application of the Sporting Regulations, ensuring a transparent and fair process for all applicants.

The FIA Road Sport Department