



# QATAR INTERNATIONAL BAJA 15 - 18 March 2023



Date: **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 9**

Time: **18.45 hrs**  
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From: *The Stewards*  
To: Competitor vehicle **No 320** Name: **QMMF TEAM**  
Crew: **Nouef Hassan AL-SOWAIDI / Aisvydas PALIUKENAS**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course about the facts occurred during Stage 1 (SS3), having examined the different elements presented, having considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** Car No 320 had a malfunction of the NAV/GPS equipment on SS3 / km 98,34 / WP45.

**Decision:** **To deduct the time of 00:01:00 h from the total selective section time (SS3) for Competitor No 320.**

**Reason:** The Stewards have received a report from the Clerk of the Course about a possible malfunction of the NAV/GPS equipment on SS3 / km 98,34 / WP45 of Car #320.

The Stewards investigated the NAV/GPS data of Car #320.

After investigation the Stewards determine that due to an administrative mistake WP45 was wrongly shown in the road book at km 98,34 and not at km 99,23 that was its exact location.

As between the km 98,34 and km 99,23 the route had no possible deviation, this had no consequences for any competitor except car #320 that returned to attempt to validate an inexistant waypoint.

The tracking data shows that the time lost by the competitor during the second trial of validation of WP45 was 1 minute and 0 seconds.

Since this malfunction of the NAV/GPS is not the responsibility of Crew of Car #320, the Stewards, on the grounds of sporting fairness, have decided to deduct the time of **00:01:00 h** from the total selective section time (SS3) for Car No 320.

According to Art. 11.9.1 of the FIA 2023 ISC, the Stewards shall have the supreme authority for the enforcement of the Code, of the Regulations of the FIA if appropriate, of national rules and Supplementary Regulations and of Official Programmes within the framework of the Event for which they are appointed.

The Stewards decision is based on FIA 2023 ISC Art. 1.1.1.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

  
**Istvan MONI**

FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

  
**Raymond JOHANSSON**

FIA Steward

  
**Amro AL-HAMAD**

ASN Steward

Received:

Competitor: **QMMF TEAM**

Vehicle No: 320

Crew: **Nouef Hassan AL-SOWAIDI / Aisvydas PALIUKENAS**

Date: Time: **19:13 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Signature:   
**A. Paliukenas**

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