



# Rallye du Maroc 2023



12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Date: **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Time: **21.55 hrs.**

Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 6**

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From: The Stewards

To: Competitor vehicle **No 219** Name: **FN SPEED TEAM**  
Crew: **Pau NAVARRO / Gonçalo REIS**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Sporting Delegate (with the photos attached), having heard the Crew members and the Competitor representatives (Mr. Santiago NAVARRO and Mr. Bertran MARCO), having considered the matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** The presence of persons linked to the team (to the Crew members of the car No 219) in an unauthorized place (next to the refuelling zone on SS1). Deviation of the team personnel from the route detailed in the assistance Road book.

**Offence:** Breach of 2023 FIA Cross-Country Sporting Regulations Art. 49.2.1 and Art. 49.2.2.

**Decision: To impose a fine penalty of 2500 EUR on the Competitor FN SPEED TEAM**

In accordance with Article 12.8 FIA International Sporting Code, the payment of the fines must be done online, within 48 hours of their notification, at the following address: <https://fiafines.fia.com>. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

**Reason:** During the hearing, a representatives of the Competitor explained that the Competitor really understands this requirement of the rules and tries to get everyone to comply with that requirement.

The Competitor recognized the persons. He stated that the day before he gave precise instructions to all the service team to go directly to Zagora Bivouac. The Team Representative could not believe the stupid action of his team personnel.

Mr. Santiago Navarro explained that due to the inability of another team member to go to the Rallye du Maroc 2023, he had to invite this person, who is captured in the photos. In this way, the team made a huge mistake. That person is completely out of control. The team manager would like to start driving the truck himself and to send the person in question home to Europe.

He was told by team manager that he could not drive anywhere with the team's truck, except for the designated road indicated in the assistance road book. But he decided on his own, disobeying the instructions of the team manager, to drive to meet and have lunch with his friends.

According to the representatives, the team would never act this way. And would never initiate such behavior of a member of the team, which is not only illegal, but also completely indefensible and even stupid. Drive to meet friends and eat together in such a place is extremely incomprehensible behavior. Representatives of the team assured the



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Stewards that they apologize for such behavior of their team member and plan to send him to Europe as soon as possible.

The Stewards decide that infringements of the rules of this kind cannot be tolerated. And only the Competitor is responsible for the behavior of his team members. Only the Competitor chose his team members at his own discretion, regardless of what circumstances could have influenced such a choice.

In this case, it is clear that there are not even one, but two serious infringements of the rules.

Art. 49.2.1 of the 2023 FIA CCRSR provides for a restriction on team members from being in unauthorized places.

Art. 49.2.2 of the 2023 FIA CCRSR provides for a restriction on deviating from the route provided in the assistance road book for the team's assistance truck.

However, when deciding on the penalty to be imposed, the Stewards take into account the circumstances that are relevant to this particular situation. That there is no evidence that would make it possible to doubt the explanations given by the representatives of the team. In addition, this is also confirmed by the information provided in the report of the FIA Sporting Delegate.

There is no evidence to show that the infringements were committed for any purpose other than that indicated by the representatives at the hearing.

Since the Competitor has admitted the infringements committed, sincerely regrets it and undertakes not to do it in the future, the Stewards decide that in this case an appropriate and sufficient penalty is a fine penalty.

The decision is based on the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1 and Art. 12.4.1.c.

The Manufacturer is reminded that he has 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.

**Arnas PALIUKENAS**  
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

**Mauro FURLANETTO**  
FIA Steward

**Ahmed HOUBRI**  
ASN Steward

Competitor: **FN SPEED TEAM**  
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