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To:	Competitor Car no. 11 Jukka Jalonen Crew: Jukka Jalonen / Arto Tolvanen		
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The Stewards, having received an information from the CoC and a report from the FIA Sporting Delegate, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: The Competitor falsely stated in an official communication to the Organiser that Mr. Jamie Edwards had withdrawn his right to participate in the FIA European Historic Rally Championship.

Offence: Breach of Art. 12.2.1 f of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code.

Decision: **Reprimand** on competitor of Car # 11

Reason: The Stewards examined the circumstances surrounding the withdrawal of the Competitor's #11 entry from the Lahti Historic Rally 2026 and the statements made in connection with that withdrawal.

The Stewards noted that the Competitor submitted his registration for the FIA European Historic Rally Championship on 22 July 2026. Article 4.1.3 of the 2026 FIA European Historic Rally Gravel Championship Sporting Regulations clearly states that competitors registering for the Championship after 1 July 2026 are not eligible to score Championship points. This provision is clear, unambiguous and applies equally to all competitors.

Furthermore, in the Lahti Historic Rally Supplementary Regulations, published on 1st June, article 4.2.4 states that *"All competitors should note that any FIA EHRC Championship registration must be completed before the 1st of July of the championship season in order to score championship points in FIA EHRC."*

The Stewards further noted that the Competitor subsequently withdrew his entry for the Lahti Historic Rally. In his official withdrawal message from 17 August 2026 addressed to the Organiser, the Competitor stated:

"Syy: FIA (Jamie Edwards s-posti Arto Tolvanen) peruutti oikeutemme osallistua EM-sarjaan."

The Stewards understand this statement to mean that the FIA, through Mr. Jamie Edwards, had withdrawn the Competitor's right to participate in the European Championship.

Having reviewed all relevant facts and correspondence, the Stewards found this statement to be factually incorrect. Mr. Jamie Edwards did not take any decision withdrawing the Competitor's right to participate in the FIA European Historic Rally Championship, nor did he exclude the Competitor from any event of the Championship. Likewise, neither Mr. Edwards nor any other FIA official made any decision preventing the Competitor from scoring Championship points.

The Competitor's inability to score Championship points arises solely and automatically from the application of Article 4.1.3 of the FIA European Historic Rally Championship Sporting Regulations as a consequence of the Competitor having registered after the deadline of 1 July 2026. The relevant regulation leaves no discretion to FIA officials and applies equally to all competitors.

By stating in an official communication to the Organiser that the FIA, through Mr. Jamie Edwards, had withdrawn the Competitor's right to participate in the European Championship, the Competitor attributed the consequences of a clear regulatory provision to the actions of a named FIA official. Such a statement creates the false impression that an FIA representative acted arbitrarily or improperly to deprive the Competitor of rights to which he would otherwise have been entitled.

The Stewards consider that this statement is capable of undermining confidence in the integrity, impartiality and professionalism of FIA officials and of causing moral injury to both the FIA and its representatives. The statement is therefore prejudicial to the interests and reputation of the FIA and motor sport.

For these reasons, the Stewards conclude that the Competitor breached Article 12.2.1.f of the FIA International Sporting Code by making a written statement that was factually incorrect and liable to cause damage to the reputation of the FIA and one of its officials.

Accordingly, the Stewards find that responsibility for the Competitor's inability to score Championship points rests solely with the Competitor's failure to register before the deadline established by Article 4.1.3 of the FIA European Historic Rally Championship Sporting Regulations and not with any action or decision taken by Mr. Jamie Edwards or any other FIA official.

Competitors are reminded of their right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 5 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.



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