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The co-driver of car #91, Crystima Coats, sent ARA a request for an exemption from ARA Bulletin 2026-1 allowing her to co-drive in a National entry without becoming ineligible for Regional Championship points.

The stewards alone are not empowered to make this particular decision, so the responsibility has fallen on the Competition Director who approved and signed Bulletin 2025-1.

This response is intended to ONLY be a precedent for the remainder of the 2026 competition season. The Competition Director and Series Manager will decide if they wish to incorporate this exemption process into the 2027 rules.

Crystina Coats has established herself as an ARA Regional co-driver over the past 5 competition seasons. The established group of ARA officials finds no malicious intent behind this request. Her participation at OverMountain Rally will not disqualify her from Regional Championships.

Crystina Coats will be listed as the co-driver of car #91 in informational, preliminary, provisional, and final results but will receive neither National nor Regional points at OverMountain Rally.

There will be no National co-driver points awarded for the finishing position of car #91 at OverMountain Rally in any category. There will be no co-driver Power Stage points for the finishing position of car #35 at OverMountain Rally in any category.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to protest certain decisions of an official, in accordance with Article 9 of the ARA General Competition Rules.

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