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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 9**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: Competitor No **307** Name: **RED BULL OFF-ROAD JUNIOR TEAM USA PRESENTED BY BFG**
Crew: **Sébastien LOEB / Fabian LURQUIN**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, having summoned and heard the co-driver and the Competitor Representative (Mr. Loïc BONNEVIE), having considered the matter, determine the following:

Fact: At the Stop point of TC4A Car No. 307 didn't present the pouch provided by the Organiser, but only phones.

Offence: Breach of FIA 2024 CCRSR V1 Art. 9.1.3 and Art. 9.1.7.

Decision: To impose a fine penalty of 1000 EUR on Competitor No 307

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> or by means of any mode of payment. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

Reason:

According to FIA 2024 CCRSR V1 Art. 9.1.7, *the FIA Priority Crews, as well as the first 10 Crews in the classification of the previous Stage, must place all their mobile phones and watches (unless those authorised as per Art. 9.1.6), which must be switched off, in a pouch provided and sealed by the Organiser at the first TC DSS of the Stage. At the stop point of the last ASS of of the Stage, the Crew must ask an Official to remove the seal. The pouch may be stored in the Vehicle's cockpit.*

The use of mobile and satellite phones is forbidden during the Selective Sections. Phones must be switched off during the Selective Sections. In the event of a problem only, these phones may be used, only outside the passenger compartment, when the vehicle is stationary, to report a retirement, an accident or a breakdown. Beforehand, the Crew must inform the Rally HQ of their situation via the tracking system (FIA 2024 CCRSR V1 Art. 9.1.7).

A representative of the competitor explained that the crew had stopped due to technical problems for about one hour. Unable to repair the car themselves, they decided to call the team and ask for advice.

The co-driver stated that during SS4 (Stage 3), they had some mechanical issues. Immediately after stopping, he pressed the green button to inform Race Control that they were ok, and did not need medical assistance.

After trying to resolve the mechanical issue by themselves, they decided to use the phone to ask for mechanical guidance. After being able to fix the mechanical issue, they continued and finished the SS on time.

The co-driver explained that he understands and admits that the crew committed a violation, did not follow the procedure laid down in the regulations regarding the removal of the seal and the use of the phone.

Stewards decide that there is an infringement in this case.

In the opinion of the stewards, in this case it is appropriate to consider the fact that the crew had stopped for a long time and tried to repair the car. Therefore, it is quite clear that in this case there is no reason to link the use of the phone with the possible desire to gain an advantage. Therefore, in this particular case, it is sufficient to impose a monetary penalty.

The decision is based on Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, Art. 12.4.1.c of the FIA 2024 International Sporting Code.

The competitor 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



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FIA Steward



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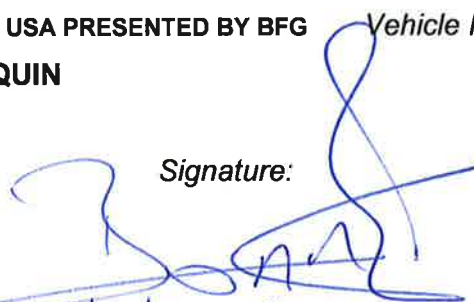
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