

Date: 27/04/24

Time (decision): 22.30

Subject: DECISION No. 1

Document No.: 1

From: The Stewards

To: Micheal Conlon / James McEneaney

Number of pages: 1

Attachments: 0

The Stewards have received an appeal against a decision of the Clerk of the Course of the Birr stages rally 2024, to allocate a time of 6.33.1 to car no 62 for Special Stage 3.

Having received the appeal form from the Clerk of the Course, the stewards, having examined the paperwork and the appropriate fee paid, deemed the appeal to be valid.

The Stewards summonsed the crews of car 53 & car 62 to a hearing on zoom on the 27th of April at 20.00. All parties involved attended the hearing. They were very proactive, they engaged in the meeting and were eager to find a satisfactory resolution.

Fact: The amended time issued by the Clerk of the Course of 6.33.1 to car no 62 for special stage 3 was incorrect.

Decision: The stewards, having reviewed all available evidence, have decided to allocate a time of 6.52.0 for Special Stage 3 to car no 62.

Reason: Having viewed the in-car footage of Car no 62 on Special Stage 3, all parties attending the meeting agreed that the timing on the video was accurate.

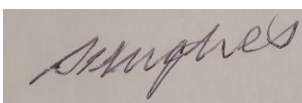
It was noted that the finish timing beam was located approx. ten metres after the stage finish boards. This was the case for all cars on Special Stage 3/6/9.

Photographic evidence was provided by the Crew of Car no 62 that showed the navigator of car 62's stopwatch was stopped at 6.51.5 at the stage finish boards. However, it was accepted by all at the hearing that this time could not be accepted as the stage finish time, because of the distance between the stage finish boards and the stage timing beams.

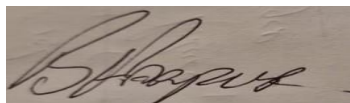
On closer examination of the in-car footage of car no 62, we froze the footage at various points prior to reaching the finish beam. We concluded that a time of 6.52.0 was the most appropriate time to allocate to car 62 on Special Stage 3 in the interest of fairness.

Consequently, we direct that both the protest fee & the appeal fee be refunded to the appellant with immediate effect.

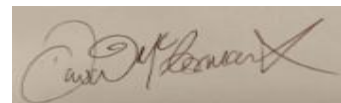
Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal this decision to the National Court of Appeal.



Paul Hughes
Chairman Of the Stewards



Brendan Harpur
M I Steward / Observer



David McCormack
Club Steward