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| Date: | Saturday, 07 October 2023 | Time: | 22:30 hrs |
| Subject: | Decision No. 08 | Document No.: | 2.11 |
| From: | The Stewards | | |
| To: | Competitor car no: 18 TOPP-CARS RALLY TEAM Crew: Jozsef TRENCSENYI / Gabor VERBA | | |
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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate, summoned (Summons No 3, Doc 4.3) and heard the Driver and the Co-driver, have considered the following matter, and determine the following:

Fact: During routine checks at the Stop Control zone at the end of SS3, it was found that the balaclava of the Driver of the car No 18 was not worn correctly under the racing suit.

Offence: Breach of Art. 2 - Chapter III of Appendix L of the FIA 2023 ISC
Breach of Art. 53.1 of the FIA 2023 RRSR

Decision: **To impose a fine penalty 200 EUR on the Driver**

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 the fine remains unpaid.

Reason: The competitor was informed accordingly by the Stewards and was given the possibility to bring forward any representations other than that the alleged infringement was caused by forgetting.

During the hearing, the driver explained that he wore balaclava incorrectly only after giving an interview to journalists. But, he said, all the way to the Stop control zone, he arrived wearing balaclava as required by the rules.

The Stewards, after investigating (studied the metadata of the photo taken by the Technical Delegate of the FIA, the time when the photo was taken, after listening to the explanation of the TD that the driver was wearing balaclava improperly even before arriving in the stop control zone) conclude that the information provided by the FIA Technical Delegate corresponds to reality. No evidence to the contrary was presented by the representatives of the competitor.

Whenever a car is in motion on any type of special stage and until the stop control, the crew must wear homologated crash helmets, all required safety clothing and equipment in compliance with Appendix L Chapter III - Drivers' Equipment as intended by the equipment manufacturer and their safety belts correctly fastened (Art. 53.1 FIA 2023 RRSR).

Balaclava is an important safety item. The bottom of the balaclava must be worn under racing suit (Art. 2 - Chapter III of Appendix L of the FIA 2023 ISC).

The Stewards decide that in this case there is no doubt that an infringement has been committed. It is appropriate to impose a fine penalty.

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



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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 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

Arnas PALIUKENAS (LTU)
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

Andrew Kellitt (GBR)
FIA Steward

Istvan MONI (HUN)
ASN Steward

The decision received:

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| Name in block letters | | Date | 8/10/2023 |
| Position in the team | | Time | 8:49 |

DRIVER