

WORLD RALLYCROSS OF GERMANY - 18/20 AUGUST 2023

## FIA WORLD RX1E RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND SIX FIA EUROPEAN RX1 RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND SIX FIA EUROPEAN RX3 RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND FIVE FIA EUROPEAN RX2E RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND FIVE

## **DECISION No 10**

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From:	The Stewards	Date:	20/08/23
То:	The Team Manager	Time:	10:20

The Stewards of the 2023 World RX Germany have received a request, via the CLO, on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 from Rolf Volland, requesting a Right of Review on behalf of Volland Racing #30 in the FIA European Rallycross RX3 Championship under Article 14 of the FIA International Sporting Code ("Petition"), seeking a review of the Stewards decision No.07 made within the framework of the 2023 World RX Germany and requesting that the Stewards accept the onboard of #6 as new, significant and relevant element.

The Stewards, after having extensively considered the matter, including examining the #30 onboard heard the team representative(s) at a hearing.

The Stewards determined the following:

## Decision

There is no significant and relevant new element which was unavailable to the parties seeking the review at the time of the decision concerned. The Petition is therefore dismissed.

## Reason

Summons No.2 required the Competitor, Volland Racing, and the drivers of #30 and #6 to attend a hearing following receipt of a report from the Race Director and Judge of Fact requesting a review of the incident. That Summons requested onboards from both cars.

Due to the nature of the Rallycross schedule the CLO had messaged the Team Representative, Rolf Volland, at 13:57, firstly requesting that #6, onboard and Team Manager come to the Stewards which was followed immediately by the same message in respect of #30 The formal Summons was posted to the Team Representative at 14:05 and opened and acknowledged at 14:10. The return message via whatsapp from the Team Representative to the CLO, at 14:03, advised that Nils (#30) would attend alone.

In respect of our decision we considered that there was sufficient space for #30 to take steps to avoid the contact and that #30 turned too early into T1 not respecting #6 on his right thus making contact with #6. The decision to impose a Reprimand was consistent with precedents in the Championship, where each case is analysed individually taking into account its own characteristics.

The Petition contends that the onboard for #6 is a new, significant and relevant element, which were unavailable at the time of our decision being made (and presumably, had we had the benefit of these elements, we would not have made our decision).

One element was relied upon:

a) the onboard for #6

As part of the referral from Race Control the Stewards receive MVRC from four camera angles. Having decided to call the drivers and their Team Representative to a hearing a Summons was issued which also requested the onboard from both cars The Competitor, Volland Racing, in not attending nor sending the driver of #6 with his onboard had ultimately decided that it was not necessary for the Stewards to hear from the driver of #6 nor have the benefit of the onboard.

Following the issue of Stewards Decision No. 07 the Team Representative visited the Stewards requesting reconsideration of the penalty imposed, for this is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reprimand which in accordance with Article 17(23) of the Sporting Regulations for the FIA European Rallycross Championship results in a deduction of 5 Championship Points, and sought consideration by the Stewards to change the Reprimand to a Time Penalty. The Stewards explained that this was not possible as #6 failed to the finish the race and was classified 2 laps down.

The Stewards did not consider that the onboard was neither new nor relevant and significant.

The Stewards accordingly dismissed the Petition.

Cheryl LYNCH Chairperson of the Panel

Kai TARKIAINEN **Steward** 

Horst SEIDEL Steward

Name (in block letters):	Rolf Volland refused to acknowledge receipt of the Decision	Time:	10:38
Position within the team:	Team Manager	Date:	20/08/23

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