

## **RALLY GUANAJUATO MÉXICO 2023**

16 - 19 March

Date: Subject:	March 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 STEWARDS DECISION No. 4	Time: Document No:	16:40 hrs 2.5
From:	The Stewards		
To:	The Competitor TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT of car No. 18		

Crew TAKAMOTO KATSUTA / AARON JOHNSTON

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, having examined all video evidence available, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

- **Facts** The crew stopped on SS22 between the flying finish and the stop control at 10:38 hrs for approximately 13 seconds on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Offence Breach of Art. 49.1 of 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.
- **Decision** Reprimand on both Driver and Co-Driver of car No. 18
- **Reason** A hearing was held on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 15:35 hrs, in the presence of Driver Takamoto Katsuta, Co-Driver Aaron Johnston and Kaj Lindström, Sporting Director.

The Driver and Co-Driver stated that after the Flying Finish of SS22, they had pushed the hybrid mode button by mistake. Due to this incorrect manipulation of the dash, the crew had to stop the car momentarily to reset the system.

The crew and the team representative took full responsibility for the situation and offered apologies for any confusion caused.

The Stewards reminded the crew that stopping the car between the flying finish and the stop control is strictly forbidden, as stipulated in Art. 49.1 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

However, the Stewards accepted the good faith of the crew and, considering the above mitigating circumstances, decided to impose a reprimand on the crew.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

François Dumont The Stewards

David Domingo

Carlos Cordero



## RE: Stewards Decision No. 4 – RALLY GUANAJUATO MÉXICO 2023

This decision was notified to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as below:

Name (in block letters):	KAJ LINDSTRÖM	Date:	19.3.2023
Position within the team:	SPORTING DIRECTOR	Time:	16:45

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