



Canadian Association of Rallysport

Steward's Decision / Décision du commissaire

2024 Big White Winter Rally

6-7 December 2024

The Stewards, having received a report from event officials, have considered the following matter and determined the following:

Driver and car No: Aran Cook, Rob Jackett, Car 26

Date and Time (fact): 7 Dec 2024, starting at 19:54

Session: Stage 11

Fact: Before the final turn before the flying finish, the team had slid off of the stage road and got stuck in the snow. After they were pulled back onto the road, going around the final turn, they spun and got stuck again, facing reverse course. The co-driver tried to dig them out of the snow but was unable to. Eventually a car pulled them back onto the road.

After they were pulled onto the road, they were still facing reverse course. They drove in reverse through flying finish and a stage finish time recorded. They then drove back into the stage to find a place to turn around. The stage was still hot and they were driving in the opposite direction, starting around a blind corner. Not long afterward they encountered the Sweep vehicle coming towards them.

The stewards interviewed the driver of car 26, the marshal working flying finish, and the driver of the Sweep vehicle. RallySafe hazard and position logs were reviewed.

Offence: Code of Conduct (Participants in CARS sanctioned events shall not knowingly place themselves in a position of undue risk), NRR 15.12.2 (crews are forbidden to drive in the opposite direction to that of the special stage), NRR 17.3 (reversing in a control), NRR 17.3 (failure to properly wear ... helmet .. while traversing a stage)

Decision: The stewards have decided to reprimand the driver and co-driver of Car 26 for unsafe behaviour on stage.

Reason: The team behaved in a broadly unsafe manner that could have resulted in a serious accident. Their defence for driving in reverse direction was that there was insufficient space where they had stopped the second time to turn the car around. However, if they felt they had to drive reverse direction on a hot stage to get to a space with sufficient room to turn around, they needed to have someone standing in a position sufficiently far enough up the road to stop any oncoming cars before doing this.

The reason for citing the other offences should be clear. RallySafe showed that they drove from the area of the flying finish back to before the final turn. The marshal at the scene confirmed that they crossed the Flying Finish in reverse and from the 100m board to the end

of control board after the stop control is a control. Sweep observed the driver not wearing a helmet and behind the wheel of the rally car on the hot stage road.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with GCR 10 of the CARS Rule Book. As a decision made after the event, the time limit for appeal is before the expiration of the second day after that on which the decision appealed against was posted.

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