



September 20, 2023

DECISION 2

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**From:** The Steward

**Date:** 9/20/2023

**To:** Car 26

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The Steward, having read an inquiry from Boyd Smith regarding the status of the co-driver of Car 26:

**Driver and car No:** Roberts Sanders Car #26

**Time (fact):** 9/20/23 1400

**Fact:** Boyd Smith entered an inquiry on Sportity stating that he would be replacing the co-driver for car #26. There was no request made to the Steward, simply an assumption that such a statement would be satisfactory. The ARA Competition Director, who is also the Assistant CoC for the Boone Rally, contacted Mr. Smith to inquire as to the reason behind the intended change and received a satisfactory explanation which he relayed to the Steward.

**Offence:** RCR 2.1.4 Change of Crew

**Decision:** Mr. Smith is reminded that such requests are not automatic. The Steward has decided to allow the request and directs officials to make the change described above. Please verify the new co-driver's competition status.

**Reason:** A license holder with Mr. Smith's experience should know that he cannot simply announce a co-driver change via inquiry after registration has closed. The entrant must contact the Steward to request the change. In this case the circumstances are clearly unanticipated, it would be unreasonable to cause Car #26 to be excluded for this breach of protocol, and the request was made prior to the start of race.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 10 of the ARA General Competition Rules.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JB Niday', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J.B. Niday, Senior Steward