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From: **The Stewards**
To: Competitor car no **26 ROBERTO DAPRÁ**
Crew: **Roberto DAPRÁ / Luca GUGLIEMMETTI**

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The Stewards, having received a report from SAS Tracking System summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Fact: Car 26 passed the accident of car 4 in SS9 with "SOS" displayed on the tracking unit without stopping at the scene of the accident.

Offence: Breach of Regional Rally Sporting Regulations Art.53.3.2

Decision: **To impose a 1-minute time penalty on the Competitor, to be applied in SS9**

Reason: The Competitor was summoned (Doc. 4.6) and was given the possibility, to bring forward any statements. Mr. MALCHIODI and Mr. DAPRA explained that they got the SOS hazard sign short before they saw the car no 4. They reduced the speed. From their perspective they could not see that it was an accident. Also, they saw driver of car 4 outside the car without helmet and using the phone. Also some Spectators/Marshals made a gesture to stay inside the bend. They know the rule and they already rendered help to other drivers in the past. They apologise for the mistake they have made.

Fact is, that the car 26 received approx. 300 m before the accident (km 21,8) of car 4 the red SOS sign displayed on the tracking unit. The car 4 could be clearly seen by the following cars. Nevertheless, car 26 passed the scene of the accident at approx. 90 kilometres.

Art. 53.3.2 is very clear in which is written: "*Any crew which has the red "SOS" sign displayed to them, or which sees a car which has suffered an accident, and the OK sign is not shown, shall immediately and without exception stop to render assistance.*"

It follows that it is not at the discretion of the crew whether they stop or not, but they must stop in any case if no OK sign is shown. It is essential for the driver's safety that the cars following the car which had an accident to render help, because they are the first on the scene of the accident. In this case even the SOS was displayed on the tracking system unit.

The Stewards concluded that the crew was in breach of the above regulations. A crew that does not see an OK sign **MUST** always stop especially if the tracking system indicates an SOS hazard. Any loss of time will be compensated by the CoC, so the crew will not have any disadvantage in helping other crews.

The crew of #6 had no visual communication with the crew of the vehicle involved in the accident and were therefore unable to recognise whether assistance was required. The fact remains that they ignored the SOS signal and did nothing to clarify the situation

The Stewards could not find any mitigating circumstances. and decided in favour of a substantial time penalty.

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.



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

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