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From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT of car No. 99
Crew OLIVER SOLBERG / ELLIOTT EDMONDSON

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Media Delegate, summoned the above Driver as well as the Competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts The Driver of Car No. 99 used inappropriate language during the FIA WRC Meet the Crews live interview session, which took place on Thursday 17th July 2025 at 17.35 hrs.

Offence Breach of Article 12.2.1.I of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code.

Decision

- To impose a reprimand on the Driver OLIVER SOLBERG.
- An additional fine of € 2,000 is imposed on the Driver OLIVER SOLBERG, which is applied with suspension of sentence (fully suspended) for 12 months (expiring on 17th July 2026) on condition that the Driver commits no further breach of Article 12.2.1.I of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code.

Reason The Stewards reviewed TV footage from Rally.TV and heard from the Driver OLIVER SOLBERG and from the Sporting Director KAJ LINDSTRÖM on Friday 18th July 2025 at 21.20 hrs.

During the Meet the Crew live interview session of WRC DELFI RALLY ESTONIA 2025, the Driver said "... *f***ing win*".

Both Driver and Competitor's representative immediately admitted that the use of this word was inappropriate in this environment and apologised for this lapse. The driver further stated that he did not mean to offend or hurt anyone by using this word.

The Stewards recognise that the word in question has become colloquial and is often used as an expression of emotion, particularly by the younger generation, but at the same time emphasize that the FIA remains committed to ensuring that inappropriate language is not used in any controlled area such as media conferences, during interviews and at the ceremonial start.

Within this context, the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code (FIA ISC) defines the breach in this case as "... *the general use of language (written or verbal), gesture and/or sign that is offensive, insulting, coarse, rude or abusive and might reasonably be expected or be perceived to be coarse or rude or to cause offense, humiliation or to be inappropriate ...*" The FIA has introduced Appendix B in its International Sporting Code (updated version published on 14th May 2025), which serves as Stewards Penalty Guidelines to penalise violations of certain articles of its International Sporting Code, including the breach stated above.

In determining the appropriate penalty for this breach, the Stewards have considered that:

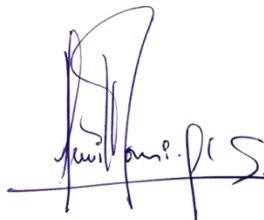
- This is the first offence of Article 12.2.1.I of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code by the Driver summoned before the Stewards for such an infringement.
- English is not the Driver's native language. The expression used is a rather colloquial term in certain cultures and was not intended to be offensive.
- The word was used in a funny context. There is no evidence to suggest that it was meant to cause offense to any other party.
- The Competitor and the Driver issued an unprompted apology to the Stewards and the FIA.
- The Driver assured the Stewards that he would exercise greater caution in the future.

Taking the above mitigating factors into account, the Stewards have determined that the aforementioned penalty is in line with the Guidelines stated in Appendix B of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Tanja Geilhausen
The Stewards



David Domingo



Tiina Ehrbach

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	KAJ LINDSTRÖM	<i>Date:</i>	19.07.2025
<i>Position within the team:</i>	SPORTING DIRECTOR	<i>Time:</i>	09:20

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