

VODAFONE RALLY DE PORTUGAL 2023

11 - 14 May

Date: Subject:	12.05.2023 STEWARDS DECISION NO. 8	Time: Document No:	22:10 hrs 2.9
From: To:	The Stewards The Competitor MOTORSPORT IRELAND RALLY ACADEMY of car No. 37		
	Crew JOSHUA MCERLEAN / JOHN ROWAN		

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

- **Facts** The above addressed competitor requested the allocation of a new time on SS 5 where the crew was delayed by car No. 34
- **Decision** The time of competitor No. 37 on SS 5 is corrected to 14:07.3.
- **Reason** Competitor No. 37 was driving for approximately 14.33 km right behind car No. 34 on SS 5 without any possibility to overtake car No. 34, which had stopped to change a punctured tyre at km 5 and had re-joined the road just in front of car No. 37.

Having examined the report from the Clerk of the Course, the information provided by the competitor, the tracking data available and split times set by competitors No. 37 on SS 5, the Stewards conclude that the request for a correction of the time is justified.

The allocation of corrected or notional times is provided for in the WRC Sporting Regulations for certain cases which do, however, not specifically include a crew being delayed due to the above-mentioned circumstances.

With a view to sporting fairness in competitions and with reference to Art. 1.1.5 of the 2023 WRC Sporting Regulations, the Stewards exercise their authority under Art. 11.9.2.a and Art. 11.9.3.j of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code. Considering that the time loss was significant and cannot merely be considered as a "racing incident", the Stewards decide to correct the time of competitor No. 37 on SS 5 as specified above.

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.

Édoardo Delleani

The Stewards

Andrew Kellitt

Luís Tourais de Matos

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

Name (in block letters):	PHILIP CASE	Date:	12.5.2023
Position within the team:	TEAM PRINCIPAL	Time:	22:20

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