

## **VODAFONE RALLY DE PORTUGAL 2023**

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 Subject:
 STEWARDS DECISION No. 16
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From: The Stewards

**To:** The Competitor OLIVER SOLBERG of car No. 21

Crew OLIVER SOLBERG / ELLIOTT EDMONDSON

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with a link to video evidence, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** The crew mentioned above performed exhibition driving between the flying finish

and the Stop Control of SSS15

Offence Breach of Art. 12.21 of the Supplementary Regulations in conjunction with

Art. 34.1.3 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations

**Decision** 1-minute time penalty on the Competitor of car No. 21, to be applied at TC 15A,

in accordance with Article 12.4.1.h and Article 12.4.2 of the 2023 FIA International

**Sporting Code** 

**Reason** A hearing was held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 23.00 hrs in the presence of the

driver, co-driver and the Team Representative of Competitor No. 21, Mr. Jacek

Wyrzykowski.

The driver and co-driver stated that they did not know the regulations in relation to this matter and that they performed the "doughnuts" on the track of the Special Stage.

Furthermore, the driver stated that SSS15 was a show special stage and for that reason he thought he had performed a good show for the spectators.

They apologised for not knowing the regulations, adding that in their opinion they did not create an unsafe situation.

Art. 12.21 of the Supplementary Regulations of Vodafone Rally de Portugal 2023 stipulates that exhibition driving is strictly forbidden **everywhere** due to lack of suitable place.

The incident happened between the flying finish and the Stop Control of SSS15, where the driver had to follow the route indicated in the Road Book to exit from the track and to approach the Stop Control of SSS15.

The Stewards, after having examined the case in detail, concluded that the driver did not respect the regulations; however, the place where the incident happened was in a part of a Special Stage which was setup for competitive driving and defined by concrete barriers.

The Stewards, having considered the mitigating circumstances surrounding this case, concluded that the above penalty is appropriate.



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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.

Edoardo 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):	JACEK WYRZYKOWSKI	Date:	14.5.2023
Position within the team:	TEAM MANAGER	Time:	01:25

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