



Rally In The 100 Acre Wood, 17-18 Mar 2023

DECISION 8

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**From:** the Stewards

**Date:** 2 Apr 2023

**To:** Driver and Co-driver of Car 527, 100AW Officials

**Time (decision):** 12:30

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The Stewards, in the course of investigating Stewards Decision 7, have considered the following matter and determined the following:

**Driver, Co-driver, and car No:** Dale Struempf, Greg Struempf, Car 527

**Date and Time (fact):** 18 Mar 2023 21:00

**Session:** N/A

**Fact:** Car 527 received a one minute early check-in penalty at TC 13 and submitted an inquiry. The behavior of the crew of Car 527, Dale Struempf and Greg Struempf, in the handling of that inquiry is discussed in Stewards Decision 7.

The crew's time card, RallySafe tablet check-in, and the logs show that they entered the control 1 minute early and were assessed the applicable penalty. The crew believed that they had checked-in on the correct minute and so submitted an inquiry.

The evidence reviewed by the Stewards suggest that Car 527 entered the ATC on the correct minute. At the time, cars were being started two minutes after check in, instead of the three minutes described under the rules. At the Start Control, the crew reported that they had been given the wrong minute at the ATC. The marshals acknowledged this but did not note it in the log.

Rob Bohn, Asst. Clerk of the Course, responding to the inquiry, asked the crew to "YouTube it or similar and send [a] link". The crew state that they took this to mean that they had to make the video available via YouTube, so made no attempt to go to the Scoring trailer in the Service Area, either during the final regional Service or after the finish of the rally. The crew left the finish area before regional results became final and did not stop by Scoring to check the status of their inquiry before they left.

Investigating this matter, the Stewards collected statements from Marni Nagy, Scoring official, and Dale Struempf and received video files from the crew.

**Offence:** N/A

**Decision:** The Stewards have decided to take no action.

**Reason:** The Stewards find that, while errors were made by the event that adversely impacted them, the crew of Car 527 did not follow through on their responsibilities to make themselves available to event officials after submitting an inquiry. The purpose of the Provisional Results review period is to provide one last chance for competitors to resolve issues like this (or file an intent to protest). The crew of Car

527 chose to leave the finish area before results became final and put themselves in a position where they could not adequately provide information requested by officials investigating their inquiry, so the penalty stands.

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.

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Alan Perry, Senior Steward

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Everett', written in a cursive style.

Mark Everett, Event Steward