



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

DECISION 7

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From: the Stewards

Date: 2 Apr 2023

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

Time (decision): 12:15

The Stewards, having received a report of concerning interactions between event competitors and officials, 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: During the investigation of an inquiry submitted by Car 527, Rob Bohn, Asst. Clerk of the Course, and Marni Nagy, Scoring official, reached out to the crew of that car, Dale Struempf and Greg Struempf, via text messages and over the phone. This led to a phone call between Rob, Dale, and Greg that went on for over 20 minutes. Rally officials who overheard the call characterized the crew's effort to get their desired outcome, a penalty rescinded, as excessive. The crew repeatedly made the same points. Also, the crew mentioned publicly posting their video of what happened in the control where the penalty was applied and some of the officials interpreted this as a threat to attempt to embarrass the event.

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

Offence: N/A

Decision: The Stewards have decided to take no action.

Reason: The Stewards agree that the crew's effort to get their penalty rescinded was excessive, but it was not judged excessive enough to merit a penalty. However, if the crew continues this behaviour in inquiry discussions at future events, there may be a different outcome.

The Stewards also found that publicly posting their videos was not a threat to attempt to embarrass the event. If anything, by suggesting that the crew left the ATC without verifying their check-in time, it could be more embarrassing to the crew.

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

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Mark Everett, Event Steward