
Date: 31st July 2024 **Time:** 18:20 hrs
Subject: STEWARDS DECISION No. 2 **Document No:** 2.3

From: The Stewards
To: M-SPORT POLAND as a supplier of the FIA Junior WRC cars
All Competitors / crew members

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

Facts The vehicles entered by the FIA Junior WRC cars supplier were refuelled within the service park on Wednesday 31st July 2024.

Offence Breach of Art. 58 and Art. 61.1.1 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations

Decision **€2500 fine on M-SPORT POLAND**

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code, fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their notification. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

Reason The Stewards heard from Michele Ferrara (Sporting Supervisor) and Michał Moździerz (M-Sport Poland Co-ordinator), representatives of the FIA Junior WRC cars supplier, on 31st July at 15:30.

They stated that they wished to apologise for this matter, however the Junior WRC cars had arrived from their workshop with no fuel and, due to the need to attend the ceremonial start that evening, they needed to add fuel to the cars. They attempted to use the official refuel zone for this purpose but this area was not scheduled to be open for refuelling on Wednesday and the refuel operator would not permit this due to the lack of fire safety cover.

They then proceeded to refuel their cars within the service park and pointed out that they had many fire extinguishers available within their service area.

As stipulated in Art. 1.1.1 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, any suppliers connected with competitive cars are considered to be rally participants in accordance with Article 1.3 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code, and as such must adhere to the obligations imposed on them and abide by the decisions of the sporting authority. M-Sport Poland is the official supplier of the Junior WRC cars.

Art. 1.3 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code stipulates that any person, or group of persons, organising a Competition or taking part therein:

- shall be deemed to be acquainted with the statutes and regulations of the FIA and the national regulations
- shall undertake to submit themselves without reserve to the above and to the decisions of the sporting authority and to the consequences resulting therefrom.

The refueling of vehicles outside a designated refuel zone is a potential safety hazard and the team representatives' reasons for carrying out this procedure within the service park cannot be taken into account to claim mitigating circumstances.

Under the above circumstances and considering that this matter refers to the refuelling

of multiple cars by the Junior WRC cars supplier, the Stewards concluded that the penalty imposed is proportional.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Tanja Geilhausen
The Stewards



Andrew Kellitt



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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	MICHAŁ MOŹDZIERZ	<i>Date:</i>	31.7.2024
<i>Position within the team:</i>	M-SPORT POLAND CO-ORDINATOR	<i>Time:</i>	18:27

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