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Subject: STEWARDS DECISION No. 2 **Document No:** 2.3

From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor NATANIEL BRUUN car No. 67
Crew NATANIEL BRUUN / JAVIER MARTINEZ

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received through the FIA Sporting Delegate a request from the above-mentioned Competitor to grant *force majeure* regarding his non-participation at VODAFONE RALLY DE PORTUGAL 2026, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts The Competitor mentioned above requested *force majeure* to be granted for the withdrawal of their Crew NATANIEL BRUUN / JAVIER MARTINEZ from VODAFONE RALLY DE PORTUGAL 2026. The withdrawal is due to the inability of the racing team to provide the rally car.

Decision Under Art. 6.3.2 of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, the non-participation of the above Competitor NATANIEL BRUUN is accepted as a case of *force majeure* for this Rally. VODAFONE RALLY DE PORTUGAL 2026 is therefore not to be considered as one of the rallies entered by the Competitor to score points in any of the 2026 FIA WRC3 Championships.

Reason The Stewards received an email sent on 2nd May 2026 by the representative of the Competitor NATANIEL BRUUN of car No. 67 to the organiser, stating that they would not be able to participate at VODAFONE RALLY DE PORTUGAL 2026 due to their team not being able to provide them with a rally car. After further inquiry a second email was received on 7th May 2026 with a written explanation and multiple pieces of evidence attached.

The Stewards then summoned and heard from the Competitor of car No. 67, NATANIEL BRUUN on 7th May 2026 at 14:35 hrs.

During the hearing the Competitor explained that they had made all the necessary arrangements to take part in both the pre-event test and the event itself. On 1st May 2026 the Competitor received a message from the team informing them that they had no car for them to use in the upcoming rally. Therefore, they decided to send a withdrawal notice to both the Organiser and the FIA.

The Stewards carefully reviewed the written submissions and supporting documentation provided by the Competitor.

After due deliberation, the Stewards concurred to accept the request received from the Competitor of car 67 to consider their non-participation at VODAFONE RALLY DE PORTUGAL 2026 as a case of *force majeure*.

The Stewards emphasize that this decision is based on the particular facts of this case: the crew was present in Portugal, the service provider had previously confirmed the availability of the car and testing arrangements, the failure occurred at the last minute, and the Competitor had no realistic opportunity to remedy the situation before the rally.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 5 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Tanja Geilhausen
The Stewards



Chris McMahon



Rui Carvalho

This decision was notified to the Competitor as below:

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	NATANIEL BRUUN	<i>Date:</i>	07.05.2026
<i>Position within the team:</i>	COMPETITOR/DRIVER	<i>Time:</i>	17:45 (UTC + 1)

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