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The Stewards received a report from the Clerk of the Course about an Administrative checks, after inviting and oral hearing of the representative of the Organiser (the position of the Organiser was presented by the Deputy of the Clerk of the Course Jan Regner), have considered the following matter, and determine the following:

Fact: The Organiser added competitors who have not paid the entry fee to the entry list.

The Organiser has established a start interval for Leg 2 in the Supplementary Regulations (Art. 12.1.1) which is contrary to the RRSR V1A Art. 41.5 without any FIA waivers.

Offence: Breach of FIA International Sporting Code Art. 1.3.1.a, Art. 1.3.1.b, Art. 3.9.3, Art.

3.12.1, Art. 3.16.1, 2021 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations Art. 1.1.2, Art. 22.1,

Art. 24.1, RRSR V1A Art. 41.5, Supplementary regulations Art. 4.6

Decision: Warning to the Organiser Auto Club Barum Zlin in ACR

To forward this decision to the FIA Rally Commission for further action

Reason: As to the entry procedure:

The Stewards, received a report from the Deputy CoC about an Administrative checks, saw that several crews (38,40,54) did not come to the event. Stewards started an investigation into the circumstances in which the entry list was drawn up The Stewards asked the organiser whether the entry fee had been paid and received an answer that the entry fees had not been paid.

The Deputy CoC, who presented the position of the Organiser to the Stewards at the hearing, explained that it is very difficult to organize such competitions. There are not enough opportunities to attract Competitors to participate. As a result, Organiser shall not follow the established procedure for submitting entry forms and shall draw up an entry list. Therefore, according to him, the Organiser draws up and sends an entry list to the FIA, even if the entry fee is not received.

According to the ISC Art. 3.9.3, if an Entry fee is provided for in the Supplementary Regulations, any Entry not accompanied by this fee shall be null and void.

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An entry may be made by any electronic means of communication provided it is dispatched before the time limit fixed for the closing of Entries and, if need be, the required Entry fee is lodged concurrently. (ISC Art. 3.12.1)

ISC Art. 3.16.1 provides that no entry may be published unless the Organisers have received a duly completed Entry form accompanied by the Entry fee where applicable.

An entry application will be accepted only if accompanied by the total entry fees. (RRSR Art. 24.1). According to the Supplementary Regulations of the 50th Barum Czech Rally Zlin 2021 Art. 4.6, an entry application will be accepted only if accompanied by the total entry fees or by a receipt issued by the competitor's ASN.

Stewards concluded that the Organiser had failed to comply with and violate the established procedure for the acceptance of an entry forms and the establishment of the entry list. The Organiser cannot draw up an entry list until the entry fees are received. And send such information to the FIA, because such actions can mislead everyone involved in this discipline. In that case, there is a situation where the FIA approves the entry list sent by the Organiser with information that does not correspond, in whole or in part, to reality. And approving entry lists with incorrect information on behalf of the FIA damages the reputation of the FIA. In addition, such actions may create a situation where competitors acquire legitimate expectations (after the approval of the entry list by FIA) that everything is fine. But that's not the case.

### As to the Supplementary Regulations:

On the start interval for Leg 2 he explained that he had sent Supplementary Regulations to the FIA for approval. In his view, this is almost the same as the FIA's waiver.

The Stewards decide that such an interpretation of the rules is incorrect and unacceptable. The RRSR V1 A (Art. 41.5) does not allow to establish a different start interval procedure for the first 15 crews in the Supplementary Regulations.

The first 15 cars will start at two – minute intervals. All other cars will start at one – minute intervals unless specified otherwise in the Supplementary Regulations (Art. 41.5 of the RRSR V1 A).

Thus, in this case, the Organiser wanted to set a start interval that contradicts the requirements of the RRSR. According to the Art. 1.1.2 of the RRSR, only the FIA may grant waivers to these regulations. No such exemption was requested in this case.

#### Conclusion:

Taking into account the fact that the representative of the Organiser acknowledged the violation committed, the most lenient penalty to be imposed on the Organiser – a Warning. It must also be considered appropriate to forward this decision through the FIA Rally Department to the FIA Rally Commission for further action in order to prevent such situations from happening in the future, if the Commission considers that any additional

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proactive action can be taken in this case, to remind all organisers repeatedly to follow the established procedure, and also to encourage competitors to pay sufficient attention to the submission of an entry forms and to ensure that everything goes as required by the regulations.

The Stewards decide for a Warning as penalty to the Organiser according to the ISC Art. 12.4.1 a and forward the decision through the FIA Rally Department to the FIA Rally Commission for further action, if the Commission feels it would be necessary.

The organiser is reminded of his right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Article 9.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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