



2022 Rally in the 100 Acre Wood, 18-19 March 2022

DECISION 3

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From: The Stewards

Date: 2 Apr 2022

To: Driver and Co-driver of Car 527

Time (decision): 13:30 CDT

The Stewards, having received a report from the ARA Competition Director, compiled from RallySafe data and statements from competitors and officials, concerning the actions of cars 50, 235, 527, and 991 on Stage 10, have considered the following matter and determined the following:

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

Time (fact): 19 Mar 2022 16:32 CDT

Stage: 10

Fact: At 2.2 miles into the stage, Car 50 left the stage road and got stuck. The crew displayed OK as two cars passed them. The third car on the scene, Car 991 did not see the OK sign and stopped to check on Car 50. Due to miscommunication, Car 991 initially thought it was a SOS situation and communicated this to the following vehicle, Car 235. Thinking it was a medical SOS, Car 235 proceeded to the next radio point. After Car 235 left, Car 991 figured out that Car 50 just needed assistance getting back onto the stage road. Car 235 approached the spectator point at mile 4.4 and stopped to find a radio marshal. While stopped, Car 235 was struck by Car 527, which was unaware of any SOS and was traveling the stage at speed. After the impact, both cars proceeded down the stage road. At approx. mile 6,,Car 235 stopped at a radio marshal to report the incident at mile 2.2. At about the same time, the stage was stopped for other reasons.

Car 527 arrived at mile 2.2 while Car 991 was trying to pull Car 50 back onto the road. They were shown both OK and SOS signs but were eventually shown OK and waved through. Confirming this, RallySafe also indicated OK and, once the scene was cleared, they resumed traveling the stage at speed.

Approaching the spectator point at mile 4.4, Car 527's RallySafe was showing a hazard and countdown for the unseen-to-them Car 235. The spectators at the location tried to alert them about Car 235 as well. As Car 527 rounded the corner, it struck the rear of Car 235, which had stopped just past the apex of the turn. The impact was recorded to be 5G. Car 235 then pulled forward and to the right side of the road. Since Car 235 was in motion, Car 527 thought that that car was suffering a mechanical problem and was moving out of their way. Car 527 continued past them down the stage at speed.

Offence: Failure to follow the Safety Protocol in RCR 5.13.2, which is also discussed in the Novice Briefing. Additionally, it appears that they are not fully aware of the notifications they would have received via RallySafe when approaching a Hazard.

Decision: The driver and co-driver of Car 527 must attend the Novice Briefing at their next event.

Reason: The crew of car 527 did not take sufficient care when approaching a communicated Hazard. Since the Hazard was unseen to them, more care should have been taken going around that corner.

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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Greg Healey, Event Steward