

Rally di Roma Capitale

22th – 25th July 2021



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Subject:	DECISION No. 02	Document No.:	2.5
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car No: 20 Name: Damiano De Tommaso Crew: Damiano De Tommaso / Giorgia Ascalone		
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The Stewards, having received a verbal report from the FIA Sporting Delegate, a written statement from a marshal, summoned the drivers have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Date Friday, 23. July 2021

Time: approx 20.40 hrs.

Fact: The vehicle with the # 20 accelerated strongly after the tyre marking zone and came sliding around the subsequent junction.

Offence: Breach of Art. 12.2.1.d and 12.2.1.h of the FIA International Sporting Code

Decision: **Time Penalty of 20 seconds to be applied in Leg 1**

Reason: The FIA Sporting Delegate, *Mr. Jérôme Roussel*, stated: "I saw a security person with a yellow tabard jumping away when the car # 20 was sliding around the corner after the Tyre Marking Zone. There were spectators, marshal, and security personnel in that corner and on the road. The situation looked very dangerous."

Mr. *Gianluca Donadini* (Marshal Lic. No. 384343) transcribes in his report: "Before the Special Stage "Terme di Caracalla", in the area after the Time Control, I saw an incorrect change of direction of competitor # 20, De Tommaso. He warned the tires aggressively. I was able to escape the car for only a few millimetres."

The co-driver explained: It was a very big mistake, and we apologize for our behaviour. We never did this before. We did not see persons which we probably put in danger. We just recognised that other cars before us showed the same behaviour. We know it was wrong.

The Steward concluded that the crew, in proceeding as described above, created an unsafe act as they did not take the necessary care. The Stewards understood that the driver wanted his tyres and brakes to be in optimal condition for the upcoming Super Special Stage. Nevertheless, this is no reason to endanger marshals and spectators standing beside the road. In the team managers meeting the organiser made especial aware that along the road leading to the start there is an embassy, that there is military personnel, spectators, and marshals. The organiser emphasised that it is necessary to drive careful to the start.

Safety is a key challenge in motorsport. The FIA is committed to doing everything possible to protect motor sport spectators, competitors, marshals, and media. The behaviour of the driver is in contradiction of one of the major objectives of FIA and thus a breach of ISC Art. 12.2.1.d. According ISC Art. 12.2.1.h any unsafe act or failure to take reasonable measures, thus resulting in an unsafe situation is deemed to be a breach

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of the Code and may be penalised by the Steward. The conduct of the driver is prejudicial to the interests of the Rally di Roma and to the interests of motor sport generally.

The STW consider a time penalty necessary and appropriate in this specific case.

Competitors are reminded of their 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.

According to Art. 12.3.3.b of the Code this decision of the Stewards becomes immediately binding even in the event of an appeal, since it concerns a breach of Art. 12.2

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Position within the team:	CO-DRIVER
Signature:	
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