

# Andalucía Rally 2021

11-16 May 2021



Date:	<b>Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>	Time (decision):	<b>17.55 hrs</b>
Subject:	<b>DECISION No. 07</b>	Document No.:	<b>2.10</b>
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car # 200 Name: <b>Nasser Racing</b> Crew: <b>Nasser AL-ATTIYAH / Matthieu BAUMEL</b>		
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The Stewards, having received the report (Doc. n° 3.88) from the Clerk of the Course, having examined the documents, seeing the video evidence, summoned, and heard the driver **Nasser AL-ATTIYAH**, co-driver **Matthieu BAUMEL** and team representative **Jean-Marc FORTIN** have considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** Car #200 left the defined road in SS 5, km 238,31 after Waypoint 313

**Offence:** Breach of Art. 14.2.1 of the 2021 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations.

**Decision:** Time penalty of 2 minutes to be applied in Leg 4.

**Reason:** The driver explained that the co-driver told him to turn left after 170 m, since the where many lines in the gras on the left side he may have turn to left to early. The crew stated that there was no intention to shortcut the route. It would have been not very clever being in the lead of the rally to make a shortcut 600 m before the finish line for gaining a few seconds and to risk to lose the rally. Both driver and co-driver admitted it was a mistake.

The CCRSR are noticeably clear that the compulsory itinerary of the Rally is defined in the Road Book by the road direction diagrams and between the road direction diagrams, by the defined road/track if it exists.

By analysing the video evidence, it is obvious that car #200 is leaving the gravel road, cutting the corner which is clearly defined in the road book diagram on km 238,31. The diagram first shows a T-junction where the crews must turn right followed by a straight of 170 m, after which there is a hairpin to the left. The video shows that car #200 turn left on the straight going off-road and joining the gravel road after the hairpin. The recording of the navigation system also shows that car #200 was not following the defined route.

Comparing with another car at the same location, the Stewards calculated an advantage of only approx. 4-5 seconds, due to the fact the shortcut led through rough terrain. The stewards determine that a penalty is not only to compensate for the advantage, but also to make it clear to the drivers that they should act more careful in the next event.

The Stewards belief the driver's testimony that this infringement was a mistake and that it makes no sense to cut the track so close to the finish. However, it is a breach of regulations and must be penalised.

The decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.3 f; and Art. 12.4.1.h.

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Competitors are reminded that they have the 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.

**Uwe M. SCHMIDT**  
FIA Chairman of the Stewards

**Jean-Pierre TARDENT**  
FIA Steward

**José Luis CONDE DONAIRE**  
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**Received by the Competitor:**

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Position within the team:

TEAM MANAGER

Signature:

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