

Hail Rally (KSA)

06 - 11 December 2021



Date: Thursday, 9th December 2021 Time: **12.30 hrs**
Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 3** Document No: **2.5**

From: The Stewards
To: Competitor car **no 304** Name: **X-Raid Team**
Crew: **Annett FISCHER / Annie SEEL**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate (Doc. No. 6.3), having examined the photos included in the report, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: During routine checks before the start of the selective section N°2 – TC2, the car was found with no cable connected to the control unit of the extinguisher system. Furthermore, the switch on control unit was still on the “TEST” position.

Offence: Breach of Article 253-7.2 of Appendix J to the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code.

Decision: **Fine 1.000 €**

In accordance with Article 12.7 FIA International Sporting Code, the payment of the fines must be done online, within 48 hours of their notification, at the following address: <https://fiafines.fia.com>. Any delay in making payment may entail suspension during the period the fine remains unpaid.

Reason: The team manger explained that they had some problems in morning and the one seat had to be removed and reinstalled. This was done under time pressure. It seems that the control unit was forgotten to be reconnected the cable to the unit.

As stipulated in Article 253-7.2.4 of Appendix J to the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code, the system must work in all positions. Article 253-7.2 of Appendix J to the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code does not specify when the system can be switched on or switched off. For this reason, it must always be active during the rally. If a cable is not connected it will be impossible to activate the system.

The fire extinguisher system is a major safety item to protect the crew in case of fire in the car. It is essential for the driver's safety and safety is one of the major concerns by the FIA. Safety remains a key challenge and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to protect, among others, the drivers.

It is further to be noted that the Stewards issued Communication No. 2 on 07. December 2021 reminding all competitors about the activation of the extinguisher system. Competitors must always ensure that the system is activated before leaving the service park.

The Stewards therefore concluded that this was a breach of Article 253-7.2 of Appendix J to the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code.

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

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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

Jordi PARRO
FIA Steward

Ahmad JAN
ASN Steward

This decision was notified by email to the competitor representative as below:

<i>Name in block letters</i>	Tobias QUANDT	Date	09.11.2021
<i>Position in the team</i>	Team Manager	Time	13.55 hrs

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