

24. Int. Lausitz Rallye

04.-06. November 2021



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From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no: 23 Name: LIAM MÜLLER Crew: Liam MÜLLER – Katharina MÜLLER		
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with documentary attached (document No 3.08), summoned the above crew members (Individual Communication N°2, Document 4.2), have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Fact: Competitor number 23 received “blue flag” warnings through the Tracking System from 2 different competitors during SS1, but he did not let them pass.

Offence: Alleged breach of SR Art. 12.14 (Bulletin No. 1)
Alleged breach of RRSR Art. 34.1.1

Decision: **Reprimand to Competitor # 23**

Reason: During the hearing, co-driver of # 23 declared that she was not aware of the Tracking System displaying the “Blue Flag” during SS1. The driver was focused in the road and the co-driver in the pace notes. The Tracking System device is placed right hand side in front of the co-driver.

They realized that another crew (car # 31) was following them closely and they let them pass as soon as they found a place to do so. With the second team (car # 51) it happened the same.

The driver declared that this is only his 3rd rally and he’s driving an R2 car (RC 4) which is much slower than the following cars. So for him there is no interest in blocking other competitors.

After further investigation, the Stewards can see that from the moment competitor # 31 closed the gap, it took some 38 seconds to overtake # 23. “Blue Flag” warnings were sent three times and received.

In the second case, it took some 28 seconds for competitor # 51 to overtake the #23. Two “Blue Flag” warnings were sent and received.

SS 1 was a “Circuit” Special Stage as described in the article 12.10 of the Supplementary Regulations. In this kind of Special Stages the start is not always given at the exact minute and second. Instead, for safety reasons the interval may vary but the minimum interval should always be 40 seconds minimum.

The Stewards found out that competitor # 31 started only 27 seconds after competitor # 23. The start time of competitor # 51 was 1’14” after competitor # 23. This is actually a mistake of the Timekeeper at the Start of SS 5, as he didn’t keep the 2 minutes gap that was given in the start list to competitor # 31, and he started the team less than the minimum 40 seconds.

The Stewards conclude that the team # 23 has to pay more attention to the Tracking System Device, but also that the timekeeper at the SS1 start finally caused a safety issue between competitors.

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The decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, Art. 12.1.1 and Art. 12.4.1.b.

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.

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This decision was notified by SPORTITY to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as below:

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