
Date: 27th February 2022 **Time:** 00:20 hrs
Subject: STEWARDS DECISION NO. 9 **Document No:** 2.10

To: The Competitor TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT of car No. 33
Crew ELFYN EVANS / SCOTT MARTIN

The Stewards, having become aware that car No. 33 left the defined roadway at the end of SS15, having viewed the video evidence available, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts The above crew did not follow the defined roadway on SS15 – Umeå 2 at box 28 in Road Book 2 (page 2-88).

Offence Breach of Article 19.2 of the 2022 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations

Decision 10-second time penalty to be applied at TC15A

Reason The Stewards viewed multiple video evidence, reviewed safety tracking data and heard from the driver and co-driver of car 33 and from the Sporting Director, Mr. KAJ LINDSTRÖM, on Saturday 26th February at 22.15 hrs.

The driver explained that they had approached the last corner before the flying finish too fast and, as a consequence, the car went wide. The rear of the car hit the snowbank, which then caused the car to crash into the snowbank just at the flying finish.

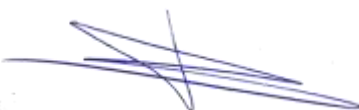
The co-driver stated that he had immediately seen their stage time on the safety tracking device. They realized that reversing the car was not possible, so they decided to continue on the parallel road towards the Stop Control. At the earliest possible opportunity they re-joined the defined roadway as they felt it would not be safe to re-join the road by driving over the snowbank. The crew reached the Stop Control where the parallel road merged with the defined roadway and the co-driver exited the car to receive their time.

By entering the last corner at high speed, the crew gained a time advantage when crossing the flying finish, as the finish line was located just at the exit of that corner.

Although the crew stopped between the yellow warning sign and the Stop sign, the stopping was not intentional and was due to an incident.

The Stewards conclude that this is a breach of Article 19.2 and the time penalty imposed above is proportional under the above circumstances.

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 Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Mathieu Remmerie
The Stewards



Emilia Abel



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RE: STEWARDS DECISION No. 9 – RALLY SWEDEN 2022

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	KAJ LINDSTRÖM	<i>Date:</i>	27.2.2022
<i>Position within the team:</i>	SPORTING DIRECTOR	<i>Time:</i>	00:25

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