

# Rally Liepaja

30<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021



Date:	<b>Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021</b>	Time (decision):	<b>22.00 hrs</b>
Subject:	<b>DECISION No. 25</b>	Document No.:	<b>2.30</b>
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no 2 Name: <b>Toksport WRT</b> Crew: <b>A. Mikkelsen / O. Floene</b> <b>the Clerk of the Course</b>		
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The Stewards, having received a protest, with video evidence, hearing witnesses and the crew, have considered the matter, determine the following:

**Protester:** TOKSPORT WRT  
signed by Tolga Ozakinci (Team Manager)

**Protest time:** 21.17 hrs (02.07.2021)

**Protest deposit:** 1.000 €

**Protest addressee:** Chairman of the Stewards

**Protest against:** The allocation of a time penalty of 1 minute for delaying the start of a special stage

**Decision:** **The protest is admissible**  
**The protest is unfound**  
**The protest fee will not be returned**

**Reason:** Appendix 7 to the Supplementary Regulation describes the procedure to follow from the time control to the start of a special stage.

After the check-in at a time control, the marshal will show the recorded check-in time and, in case of a time control followed by a special stage, **the provisional special stage start time to the co-driver. The co-driver shall then enter this time on their time card** (RRSR Art. 44.2.5).

At the start line, the co-driver shows the appropriate marshal the time card through the side window. **The marshal then either confirms this provisional start time or shows a different start time on his check-sheet.**

This new time, if any, shall then be recorded as actual start time on the time card by the co-driver (RRSR Art. 48.2.3). This actual start time will also be shown on the electronic start count-down display.

The marshal in charge for confirming the start time (Christina Ursola) explained that she has show the start time approx. 1 minute before the actual start time and that the co-driver of car # 2 has confirmed it by showing his hand or time card up. The co-driver denies that he has seen the start time. However, the video evidence shows that the co-driver raised his arm with the time card in his hand at approx. 12h59'05". This confirms the given statement form the marshal. Also Mr. Paul Nagle (co-driver in car # 10) confirms that the marshal showed the start time approx. 1 minute before his start time.

The marshal in front of car at the start line, Mr. Oskars Ozols, stated that he was standing in front of the car and left his position at approx. 12h59'30" and thus and the track was free to start for car no 2. the electronic start clock counted down to 13h00'. About 15

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seconds before the start time, the co-driver, who had been sitting calmly in the vehicle until then, began to ask excitedly about the start time and to argue with the marshals. He then received a new start time of 13h01.

The protester could not sufficiently demonstrate that the procedure at the start was incorrect. It is the protester who must prove that the correct procedure has not been followed. The protester has the right and the obligation to provide evidence. In the present case, the Stewards conclude that there is no sufficed evidence to support his claims.

All parties concerned 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 (DEU)**  
FIA Chairman of the Stewards

**Tomas KUNC (CZE)**  
FIA Steward

**Arnas PALIUKENAS**  
ASN Steward

<b>Received by the Competitor:</b>	
Name (in block letters):	<u>Tolga Ozatinci</u>
Position within the team:	<u>Team Manager</u>
Signature:	<u>[Signature]</u>
Date: <u>03.07.21</u>	Time: <u>22:42</u>

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*Decision is accepted. We will not appeal the decision.*