

Rally Liepaja

30th June – 3rd July 2021



Date:	Wednesday, 30 June 2021	Time (decision):	19.30 hrs
Subject:	DECISION No. 02	Document No.:	2.4
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor Name: SAINTELOC Junior Team		
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The Stewards, having received a report from the organiser, summoned (summons No. 02, Doc. No. 4.2), and heard the team manager Mr. Vincent Duchet, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: The competitor registered (entered) the crew Roland POOM-Darren GARROD the Rally Liepaja through the FIA System on 13. June 2021
No Entry fee has been paid

Offence: Breach of Art. 22.1 of the FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations (RRSR)
Breach of Art. 3.12.1 of the Code

Decision: Fine of 2.400 €

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: Mr. Duchet explained that he got the information that Mr. Poom has be close to another Person with Covid on 22nd of June. He informed the organiser about these circumstances. He can not explain, why Mr. Poom did not pay the entry fee in due time.

The competitor entered the event with the above-mentioned crew on 13. June 2021 but never paid the entry fee. On 24th of June the competitor informed the organiser that *unfortunately Roland POOM-Darren GARROD have to withdraw from ERC rally Liepaja. Roland Poom has been detected "Covid Closed Contact" with another Person in Estonia on Tuesday. So, for safety and sanitary reason, he has to be isolated 10 days.*

According to Art. 22.1 of the FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations they must send the due entry fee and the completed entry form to the rally secretariat before the closing date. An Entry may be made by any electronic means of communication provided it is dispatched before the time limit fixed for the closing of Entries and the required Entry fee is lodged concurrently. (Art. 3.12.1 of the Code).

All competitors participating in the Championships undertake, on behalf of themselves, their employees, and agents, to observe all the provisions as supplemented or amended of the Code, and the supplementary regulations of each rally.

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The Stewards conclude that not paying the entry fees is a breach of the Code and of the FIA RRSR. A competitor must pay the entry fee when entering an event. The first entry closing date was the 16.06.2021 which was extended to the 21.06.2021. So, it was time enough to pay entry fee. It is not clear to the Stewards how the Competitor (or driver) was able to recognise that the driver will have contact with a person infected with Covid on 22 June. Rather, the Stewards conclude that the entry fee was deliberately not paid to be able to cancel the participation in Rally Liepaja without losing money. A strong fine in the amount of the entry fee seems appropriate.

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.

Competitors are reminded of their 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.

According to Art. 12.3.3.b of the Code this decision of the Stewards becomes immediately binding even in the event of an appeal, since it concerns questions of irregularity of Entry by a competitor entering a competition.

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Received by the Competitor:

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