

Rally di Roma Capitale

24.-26. July 2020



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From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor and car No: Motorsport Ireland Rally Acade – car no 49 Crew: Creighton William / Regal Liam		
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The Stewards, having received a report from a Scrutineer and heard the drivers Creighton William and Regal Liam (summons No 3 – doc 4.3), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: The driver changed a wheel after they checked-in at TC 2.

Offence: Breach of FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations 2020 art. 63.1.2, art. 2.12., art 63.5.1

Decision: Reprimand

Reason: At TC 2 due to a big delay of the rally all the car where in queue before TC 2. Car n. 49 arrived in time at control area of TC 2 but because of the long queue only the crew members could go to the red sign of TC 2 for check-in procedure as per art. 44.2 of FIA RRSR 2020.

The check in time of crew n. 49 was 12.07 hrs. At 12.12 hrs the crew found to change a wheel as written in the scrutineer report with a clear picture taken during the operations.

At 13.15 the stewards summoned the drivers and the team representative. At the end of section 2 both drivers appeared in front of the Stewards. They declared that their tyre was losing pressure and they try to ask the permission from the marshal around the TC which was difficult due to language problems. However, they understood that the ok was given by a marshal. So, they finally decided to change the left front wheel in the control area for safety reasons, as it was the only option to do the stage without endangering themselves

The stewards remind to the drivers that in the control area the cars are subject to parc fermé rules as specified in the art. 63 RRSR 2020. Furthermore, even if the car is out from the control area the parc fermé rules are applied as per art. 63.1.2 of FIA RRSR 2020 – in particular the mentioned article is clear: the cars are under parc fermé rules from the moment they enter in a control area or from the moment of the check-in in a control area.

However, some repairs in parc fermé are allowed as per art. 63.5 due to safety reasons. A tyre change is not covert by Art. 63.5.

The Stewards conclude that to start a special stage with a flat tyre can be dangerous and a change of the wheel is advisable for safety reason, but the repair must be allowed by an official present at the stage. However, the change of a wheel outside the control area but after check-in at concerned TC without the

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permission of an appropriate official is a break of the parc fermé regulations and the competitor must be penalised accordingly. Since the crew tried to get a permission the Stewards decided for a reprimand.

The decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, art.11.9.2.a, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, Art 12.1.2 and Art 12.3.1.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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