

Hail Baja II (KSA)

14-16 December 2020



Date:	Wednesday, 16 th December 2020	Time: 20.00 hrs
Subject:	STEWARDS DECISION N° 2	Document No: 2.4

From:	The Stewards	
To:	Competitor car No: 204 Name: Toyota Gazoo Racing Crew: Nasser Al-Attiya, Mathieu Baumel	
	Competitor car No: 200 Name: VRT (Protester) Crew: Vladimir Vasilyev, Dmytro Tsyro	

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The Stewards received a protest from Competitor #200 against the Competitor #204 Toyota Gazoo Racing concerning an alleged breach of CCR Article 37

The Stewards heard the Clerk of the Course and the ERTF responsible and received a report from them.

The competitor #200 was summoned and he Mr. Vasilyev and his representative Mr. Kulikov Aleksei explained the reasons of the protest.

The competitor #204 was summoned and Mr Nasser Al Attiya, Mathieu Baumel and his representative Jordi Duran explained all the arguments in his defence.

The Stewards, have considered the following matter, and determine the following:

Fact: During Leg 1, the competitor #204 was reported by the GPS to have 1 impulse at 67 km/h at the waypoint SN64.

Offence: Not complying with Art. 37 of FIA Cross Country Rally Sporting Regulations

- Decision:**
- (1) The protest is admissible and founded
 - (2) To apply a Time Penalty of 2 minutes in the 1st Leg to competitor # 204
 - (3) to amend the Provisional Classification accordingly
 - (4) a fine of 100 EURO
According to article 12.7.3 of the International Sporting Code, the payment of the fines will have to be done online at the following address: <https://fiafines.fia.com>.
Payment must be made within 48 hours.
 - (5) to return the protest deposit to competitor # 200

Reason:

Competitor #200 VRT lodge a protest against competitor #204, and the stewards receive the protest in due time at 17:20. (ISC 13.3). The protest deposit of 1000 Euro is attached (ISC 13.4.2)

In the protest there are two clerical errors, first, the name of the protester mentioned in the text and second, the mentioned time of the publication of the Provisional Classification was the time from Supplementary Regulation and not the actual time of the publication. However, in the heading of the document the competitor who lodge the protest is VRT. The time of the reception of the protest, as confirmed by the Clerc of the Course is 17.20 hrs. The publication of the Provisional Classification was 17.40 hrs. Thus, the protest is lodged in due time.

In his protest, competitor #200 declares that he believes that Competitor 204 breached CCR Article 37 and Article 12.20 of the SR Hail Baja 2020, with regards to speeding within a Selective Section specifically in Leg 1 of the Hail Baja II 2020, and request that Stewards thoroughly investigate whether there was an instance of a sporting regulation breach, and upon findings penalize accordingly.

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The CoC reports the following:

- During Leg 1, car # 204 was reported by the GPS with 1 impulse of 67 km/h at the Waypoint "SZ64" where the maximum allowed speed is 40.
- Anyway the CoC was not taking in account the 1st impulse of every speeding.

The ERTF responsible explained the functioning of the speed control in the WPs. He also explained that competitor #204 did not entered the validation radius of the SZ64 from the centre, and consequently the braking distance was shorter (129 m instead of 180 m). He confirmed the speed indicated in the report.

The competitor #204 explained that they were breaking hard, and there was only one impulse, so in their opinion is no fair to be penalized.

The Stewards found out that there was a difference between the speed indicated in the road book (50 km/h) and the speed indicates in the Navigation-GPS (40 km/h). The Stewards conclude that if there is a difference between the Road book and the NAV-GPS the Road book information must prevail (Art. v2 14.2.3 of the CCSR). Consequently, the stewards decide to take the speed of 50 km/h as a reference as stipulated in the Road book.

Considering all information given, the stewards conclude that car # 204 was 17 km/h over the speed limit for one time. Thus, the penalty according to CCSR Art. 37.2.6. will be applied.

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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