

# RALLY GUANAJUATO MÉXICO 2018



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**Subject:** STEWARDS DECISION NO. 7

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**To:** The Competitor of car No. 1 M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM  
Crew SÉBASTIEN OGIER / JULIEN INGRASSIA

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** Car No. 1 did not go around the elements of the chicane as shown in the Road Book at box 18 on SS 22

**Offence** Article 14.2 of the 2018 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations

**Decision** 10 second time penalty added to the time of SS 22 / Power Stage in application of Article 13.3.4, second paragraph, of the 2018 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations

**Reason** The Stewards examined video evidence and heard from the driver and co-driver of car No. 1 and from the competitor's representatives Mr. Malcolm Wilson, Mr. Richard Millener and Iain Tullie. They also studied pictures provided subsequently to the hearing by the Competitor who claimed during the hearing that the chicane layout/ position was different between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> passage. The Clerk of the Course, however, confirmed that the picture of the 1<sup>st</sup> passage provided by the Competitor was taken before the chicane was finally set up by the organiser's Safety 2 car. This is also confirmed by the pictures and footage which the Stewards studied from the onboard camera of car no. 1.

Box 18 on SS 22 in Road Book 3 clearly shows the itinerary to go around the elements which were put in place to create the chicane. Car no. 1 hit the first two-block element (out of the three elements in total) with the front right side of the car so that these 2 elements were both completely displaced. When exiting the chicane, it then also touched the last element which was slightly moved. It is to be noted that this incident happened on the Power Stage for which additional championship points are awarded and that the above Competitor, before the running of the stage, was seeking clarification with the Clerk of the Course regarding the consequences of "nudging the first part out of the way". The reply given by the Clerk of the Course to the teams of all the manufacturers / P1 drivers was that any deviation, "specifically not going around the elements of the chicane at box 18 on SS 22 will be referred to the stewards for further investigation."

The right to appeal this Decision is stipulated in the 2018 FIA International Sporting Code and in the 2018 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

  
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The Stewards