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Mr. Marc Evans
Chief Steward
Rally Jamaica 2018

Re: Competitors "cutting" RJ2018 stage route.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Following the conclusion of Day 1 of Rally Jamaica 2018 and in subsequent days and weeks I received numerous queries in regard to the matter of multiple competitors allegedly "cutting route" on one or more occasions on one of the stages of the event.

Concerned persons provided photograph evidence as well as their own eyewitness reports of observing the alleged actions. Additionally, at least one person reports of hearing a Marshal reporting via radio an alleged infraction, then being ordered to no longer record such a report. These persons also expressed their reservations about apparent inaction by the event Stewards in regard to what they deemed to be blatant disregard for fair play, good sportsmanship and the rules of rallying as they understood them. The fact that no penalties were applied to any competitor whom they considered to have violated the rules was interpreted by many as acts of favoritism.

In regard to the inaction of the Stewards; Mr. Michael Fennell Jnr, Closing Marshal of the event, reported that the Stewards had indicated to him that they would take no action in regard to the alleged rule breaches but would instead wait for competitors to lodge a protest about the matter.

In order to respond to the numerous queries received, and seeking clarity on the matter, I first consulted the event ASR's, JMMC Rally Regulations and the FIA International Sporting Code and Appendices. These documents contain regulations pertinent and relevant to the alleged infractions;

- Event ASR Page 8 "Special Stages a)" and Page 9 "Performance 7"
- 2018 JMMC Rally Regulations 3.4.1 f) and 3.9.2 vii)
- FIA ISC Regional Rally Sporting Regulations Article 14.2

For further clarity I wrote to Mr. Peter Bayer, Secretary General for Sport of the FIA, providing him with details of the alleged infractions including photographs of same. Mr. Bayer's reply was unequivocal, and he also provided a copy of a Stewards Decision of a similar case. At his suggestion I also contacted Mr. Yves Matton, Rally Director of the FIA for additional guidance, which he duly provided.

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I take the opportunity to remind you of JMMC General Regulations, Article 11.10.1 (Right of Review) which reads:

If, in Competitions forming part of a Championship, Cup, Trophy, Challenge or Series, if a new element is discovered, whether or not the Stewards have already given a ruling, these Stewards or, failing this, those designated by the JMMC, must meet on a date agreed amongst themselves, summoning the party or parties concerned to hear any relevant explanations and to judge in the light of the facts and elements brought before them.

I leave it to your panel of Stewards to decide if the guidance from Mr. Bayer and Mr. Matton, along with the regulations cited by them, constitute “a new element” and what action, if any, is to be taken in regard to this matter.

Attached for your reference are:

- Event ASR's
- Stewards Bulletin 2018-24-S001
- 2018 JMMC Rally Regulations
- Letter to Mr. Peter Bayer
- Response from Mr. Peter Bayer
- Copy of Stewards Decision, Rally Australia 2014
- Letter to Mr. Yves Matton
- Response from Mr. Yves Matton
- 2016 JMMC General Regulations
- 2018 FIA Regional Rallies Sporting Regulations and Appendices
- Photographs of competitors allegedly “cutting route” (WA0003 & WA0008)
- Photographs of competitors on stage route (WA0002, WA0004, WA0007, WA0009)

Please be guided accordingly.

Regards,



Stephen Gunter
Chairman

Cc: Mr. Rajendra Jadusingh