

Rally Hungary 2019 – Nyíregyháza

DECISION No.3 posted at: 14h45

From: the Stewards

Date: 08.11.2019

To: MOL Racing Team, Car #5

Time: 14:40

Driver: Norbert Herczig

The Stewards have received via Mr Uwe Schmidt, Chairman of Stewards at Cyprus Rally, an e-mail from the National Automobilsport Federation of Hungary with a link to an interview published on 02 October 2019 on a website (doc No 7.1), summoned and heard the driver, Norbert Herczig and team representative of MOL Racing Team, Mr. Zsolt Kajcsa (summons No.1), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Driver and car No: Norbert Herczig, Car #5

Competitor: MOL Racing Team

Time: 02.10.2019

Fact: according to the above-mentioned website, the driver, Mr. Herczig declared the following:

Hungarian transcript (sic):

*"Előfordulhatott volna, hogy egy ejnye-bejnyével megússzuk, de tavalyi bronzérmesként nem jött rosszul a ciprusi szervezőknek, hogy nehéz helyzetbe hozhatnak egy a hazai versenyzőre (aki amúgy a rendező ciprusi szövetség elnökének a veje is) veszélyes pilótát... Szóval jött a kétperces büntetés."*

In English (according to the Hungarian ASN):

*"It could have happened that we got away with this issue easily, however with last years's bronze position, it was quite adequate for the Cypriote organizers to give a hard time for a pilot who might be threat for a domestic driver (who is also the son-in-law of the president of ASN Cyprus)... so we got a two minutes penalty. "*

**Offence:** Alleged breach of FIA International Sporting Code, Appendix B of ISC "Code of Good Conduct".

**Decision:** The Stewards decide to forward the case to the Hungarian ASN for further investigation, and eventual decision.

**Reason:** At the beginning of Cyprus Rally 2019 the car #5 with the crew Norbert Herczig/Ramon Ferencz, belonging to the competitor MOL Racing Team, was penalized of 2 minutes because of illegal reces (Steward decision nr 1, 2019 Cyprus Rally). No appeal or request of review was made against this decision.

According to art. 11.9.2b of ISC, the stewards can rule on any alleged breach of the applicable regulations which occurred outside the framework of any Event, provided that the Event for which they are appointed immediately follows the discovery of this alleged breach. In the present case, Rally Hungary directly follows Cyprus Rally in ERC.

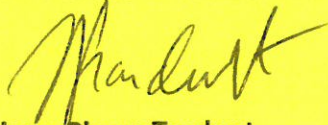
At the hearing at Rally Hungary by the Stewards Mr. Herczig declared that he did not make the above statement. He said that the statement is entirely created by the journalist who wrote the article on the website.

In such a situation the Stewards are unable to determine the facts of the case and decide to forward the case the Hungarian ASN for further investigation and decision.



**Competitors are reminded:**

of their right to appeal in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Article 9.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



**Jean-Pierre Tardent**  
FIA Steward (Chairman)



**Andrew Kellitt**  
FIA Steward



**Istvan Moni**  
ASN Steward

Received by the Competitor:

Signature: .....

Date: ..... Time: .....