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The Stewards, having received a waiver request from the Clerk of the Course requesting to change the starting order which is specified in the FIA CC General Prescription Art. 1.8. Having received the agreement of Mr Gregory Ricci, (Enduro and Cross-Country Rally Commission Coordinator at the FIM), who has confirmed that the FIM was aware of the car-bike start order issue and had approved the Baja's supplementary regulations with the cars starting before the bikes, Mr. Larbi, FIM Jury President was also in agreement. The stewards considered the matter and determine the following:

The start order specified in FIA CC General Prescription Art. 1.8 will be changed. For safety reason the cars will start ahead of the motorcycles.

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Reason:

The Stewards have been informed, that in 2019 Dubai International Baja three mandatory refuelling zones for the motorcycles are in place in the selective sections. The mandatory stop will be 15 minutes each. In addition, small motorcycles will compete in the event. If the motorcycles will be starting before the cars, the risk of that cars must overtake bikes is obvious. The Stewards also consulted ERTF and got the information that the change of the start order has no influence on their system. The only problem which may occur is, in case a motorcycle wants to overtake a car, to send the information to the car in front. However, since the motorcycles will be stopped for 45 minutes during a selective stage is quite unlikely that they must overtake a car. The Stewards consider the probability that the cars must overtake the bikes as much higher and therefore, for safety reasons they agreed to the request of the Clerk of the Course.