

Rule Change Requests for 2016

Posted by Sterling Doc - 12 Oct 2015 19:03

OK guys, time to hear out RCR's for next years rules. We'll keep this open through the end of the month, and then get the new rules, if any, hashed out.

As always, please bear in mind that rules changes need to be cost effective to existing cars, as well as new builds, and the burden of proof is on why the new rule is needed, not justifying the existing rule - rules stability is key here!

Stay tuned for a big announcement in about a week, as well!

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Re: Rule Change Requests for 2016

Posted by rd7839 - 28 Oct 2015 10:11

I forgot to mention, there are a lot of shops that straighten and fix wheels for a reasonable cost. Look in Grass roots motor sports magazine, I'm sure there are ads for them.

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Re: Rule Change Requests for 2016

Posted by Crooks - 30 Oct 2015 04:14

Wheels: I don't think anyone is suggesting that you HAVE to use new wheels, if a replacement can be found that is not in any way advantageous as a performance issue, no problem. The Porsche wheels are 30 years old, that should give some concern, because we haven't had an issue doesn't mean we won't have an issue. Most racers didn't use HANS devises until after a few fatalities, why wait? If you like what you are using, that's fine but good cookie cutters are getting hard to find. If you think new wheels will get more expensive watch the price of rare old ones climb. As for aesthetics: this is a non-issue for me but just an observation, the two guys talking about this both have yellow cars, if your car is yellow, pink, purple or that stupid all too common Guards Red "you got no business talking about aesthetics".

Scraper: The scraper is an interesting question, some of the older engines are well under the power cap, and this may be an inexpensive way to get them to the cap. If the scraper adds 5 HP it would be a very inexpensive gain. If the scraper is allowed, the cars are still subject to the power cap. If it adds much to engine longevity the cost would work out to be less than free.

Short Shifter: I have a short shift kit that I don't use, My rebuilt linkage works just fine for me but if a driver prefers using one I just don't see a problem with it. If I believed that the linkage would help me eliminate inadvertent downshifts I would certainly want to use it. Again, nobody is forcing its use, Why not make it optional? I don't see any way that a short shift kit enhances performance. As for cost, the kit

is inexpensive compared to the damage cause inadvertent down shift.

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Re: Rule Change Requests for 2016

Posted by Crooks - 30 Oct 2015 04:19

Allow use of high impact foam or some other structural materiel to support the structural integrity of the spare tire well. I believe that the original design of these cars used the spare tire as part of the crush zone. The fuel system (tank, pump, filter and hoses) is vulnerable to rear end impact. With the fuel being delivered from the bottom of the tank a cut hose would dump fuel until the tank is empty. It is not reasonable that we track cars that have less structural integrity than the street version.

Someone smarter than me would have to figure out the best materiel and method to maximize the effect. I suspect that this would be an economical method of adding to the safety of our cars. Or we could all carry spare tires!!!

We have seen a 944 on fire a couple years ago at from a rear impact; I understand the issue was a cut hose and perhaps the fuel pump left running after the impact. I don't think the tank ruptured. I suspect that a crush zone may have prevented that fire.

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Re: Rule Change Requests for 2016

Posted by cbuzzetti - 01 Nov 2015 21:09

Im with RD. No new wheels until there is a real supply problem. The old ones have proven to be very strong and reliable.

No short shifter, not a nessecity at this time just adds cost and rules creep.

No crank scraper. The built in design works fine and a properly built engine does not have oiling issues. Adds cost.

Im good with bumper shock welding in collapsed or extended form. I just leave mine collapsed and have never replaced a single one.

We should avoid rules creep at all costs.

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Oh yeah, I forgot the foam. We dont seem to have a problem with cars catching on fire. A racer could

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use this rule to rear weight the car illegally and some cars dont have the tire well installed anymore.
Adds to rules creep and adds cost.

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