

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 - 23 Nov 2015 14:24

Wow, thanks Dan! There are a ton of wheels here. \$85 a piece in Georgia and Virginia. Seems like supply is not an issue anymore.

I called one of those places and they would ship anywhere in the US no problem

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Re: Rule Change Requests for 2016

Posted by JUSTMERACING - 23 Nov 2015 14:35

dpRacing Dan wrote:

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Re: Rule Change Requests for 2016

Posted by FDJeremy - 23 Nov 2015 17:15

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Sure would like to have a big ass wing like that one.

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Re: Rule Change Requests for 2016

Posted by Crooks - 23 Nov 2015 18:45

I have been looking for a legitimate reason to oppose the wheel proposal, I haven't seen one yet. No one has claimed a competitive advantage, no one has claimed a cost issue (you don't have to buy new wheels; in fact the rule would make the old wheels cheaper). Again nobody is forcing a wheel change, why do some of you oppose this change? Either you are not telling us, or I am missing something.

In my experience, used wheels at \$85 each are not a bargain. When I put my car together I bought eight cutters, and 4 phone dials three of the cutters are bad, one out of round and two with excessive run-out, one of the phone dials is so far from balanced that it's crazy. By the time I pay for the freight or assume the cost to go pick them up, trash the bad ones and have the good ones cleaned up, I could have bought new for about the same price.

If you think we will, or are keeping all of our cars "the same" I am sorry to tell you but that ship sailed a long time ago. We have seen good race cars that cost from \$5000 to probably over \$25,000 nothing "the same" about them. That doesn't mean one is faster or better than the other it just means that they are not the same. To be competitively equal does not require them to be the same or identical. Some folks spend more than others. It is a personal preference not a competitive advantage. Just look at the differentness in paint jobs, seats, roll cages, oil sumps, fire systems, dashboards, light systems, fuel cells and engine execution. Huge differences in cost but zero difference in race performance!

Some have time, some have money, (a few have both). That you have the time, space, and equipment and are willing to spend that time looking for and refurbishing wheels is not particularly virtuous. On the other hand it is not a vice to have the cash but not the time, space, equipment to spend more on wheels.

It bothers me that anyone who posts a proposal on this forum would have his motivation questioned. Jason has spent time and effort putting this proposal together. You can be sure that his only motivation is to make the class better. Every proposal deserves honest respectful consideration without having motives questioned. If you have an argument against the proposal, make it. The fact that you don't like it is not an argument, it is a proclamation.

I am asking; what is the objection to this proposal?

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Re: Rule Change Requests for 2016

Posted by JUSTMERACING - 23 Nov 2015 19:19

Crooks,

My response.

There is no proof that the present wheels are unsafe, unavailable or (and I love this one) a consumable.

A consumable?? Really?? So you are changing them like brake pads and tires?

I call BS.

You call out cost. I can buy good cookies all day long for half the cost of the proposed wheel.

Rules. Now every time we see an aftermarket wheel we will have to wonder if it is legal. Pull it. Check it. Weight it. Not.

And now the real reason I don't want a new wheel. I like the look of an original car with it's original wheel in a "Spec" series. If you want to worry about "Cup" or "SP1" cars not playing with us. I suggest we add a provision to rule 18.1 allowing a one time use with a weight penalty.

Was that clear enough?

P.S. - As Jim Jones once said "I love kool-aid";

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Re: Rule Change Requests for 2016

Posted by AgRacer - 23 Nov 2015 20:58

JUSTMERACING wrote:

You call out cost. I can buy good cookies all day long for half the cost of the proposed wheel.

You still haven't revealed your source of all day long wheel supply. Saying you can do it doesn't put wheels into racer's garages around the country. I searched for hours on end trying to find the easy supply source I could point to saying cookie cutters are still easy to find and cheap and found nothing. Somebody else had to point out the single source junkyard inventory website so either your a master scrounger or grandstanding. In any case, we have the solution now with the car-part.com website. All other benefits to an aftermarket wheel go away once the primary argument is nullified: lack of supply at a reasonable cost available to ALL REGIONS OF OUR CLASS. I just hope all junkyards listed on that website don't charge \$150 per pallet of 4 wheels to ship like the one vendor I called.

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