

2017 Rules Proposal Thread

Posted by dpRacing Dan - 31 Oct 2016 10:34

Ok boys and girls, the time has come for us to propose/discuss/debate any proposed rules for the 2017 season.

NASA is already pressuring me to have the rules wrapped up in an unrealistic time, but we WILL need to expedite this this year. Let's try to keep this constructive. If you have an idea, please post it up on the thread, voice your reasons, and be prepared to have them dashed or supported. I will read all comments and hear all reasoning. I will ONLY do this here- no phone calls please. Emails are ok, but THIS is where we go to discuss rules. PLEASE keep this civil- I dont want any huge arguments to spin out of control. Lets all be grown ups, and keep this friendly.

Please remember, only rules that will increase reliability, or performance WITHOUT significant spending or changes will be considered. Remember EVERY change effects not only cars in your region, but EVERY car in the country running under these rules. I wont consider anything that cannot be quickly or easily done to EVERY car in the country competing (this is about 175 cars nationally). My main goal is to keep our cars as reliable and competitive as possible, without spending lots of money.

Ready?

Set.

GO!

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Re: 2017 Rules Proposal Thread

Posted by dpRacing Dan - 04 Nov 2016 12:37

Ron,

Re-read what I wrote previously. **These are PROPRIETARY rims, made specifically for our class, which emulate the exact dimensions and weight of our wheels.**

Throwing out the fact that Charlie used a rim that is 2" wider and 2 lbs lighter has exactly ZERO relevance to this wheel.

Although we probably cannot facilitate the weight to be exactly in the same location of the originals, I dont imagine the outer hoop to be significantly lighter than our originals- therefore increased performance from moved weight would be minuscule at best.

Again, I'm impartial to whether or not we can run these. I don't plan to, but I dont have an issue with people wanting a new rim as well. There is exactly ZERO new options currently.

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Re: 2017 Rules Proposal Thread

Posted by dpRacing Dan - 04 Nov 2016 12:49

Chuck thanks for mentioning the short-shifter.

I have been a proponent against them from day 1. I still believe if everyone does the allowed Only944.com components, the shifters are more than adequate.

Currently, Spec miata doesnt allow any type of short- shifter. Spec E30 does. I *AM* for components that make our cars easier to drive/more reliable/less junky. After analyzing the components offered by Only944.com, I'm definitely more open to the idea of allowing it. The reality of it is if we DO allow it, EVERYONE will feel inclined to purchase it. Sure it's only \$93, but multiply that across the 944 Spec field currently competing and that's about a \$15,000 decision.

If we do allow this, does this mean EVERYONE WILL STOP BITCHING ABOUT MIS-SHIFTING AND SLOPPY SHIFTERS?! Lol- I kid.

Please folks- weigh in here: Power in numbers.

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Re: 2017 Rules Proposal Thread

Posted by rd7839 - 04 Nov 2016 13:00

I read your proposal, and it's about the same as last years, the wheels made for us to emulate our wheels, which we have an abundant and inexpensive supply of.

Without testing, I think it's a bad idea. I'm curious how a manufacturer can almost exactly match our wheels without spending a bunch on R&D?

We spent a bunch of effort on testing different engine configurations to come up with the ruleset we have but there's been none for the wheels and lacking this we can only guess at what difference they will make. If you can get the manufacturer to donate a set to a few different regions for testing and they prove equal, then by all means but without that I'm against it.

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Re: 2017 Rules Proposal Thread

Posted by tcomeau - 04 Nov 2016 21:50

We can't have some people using short shifters and others not using it. Not a good idea.

Cookies and phone dials in both offsets are still readily available. Let's stay stock on both of these areas.

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Re: 2017 Rules Proposal Thread

Posted by tcomeau - 04 Nov 2016 21:55

Who is KJ Z78071?

I think it's important to Dino on the set of wheels that you just raced on.

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