

## Rule Change Requests for 2016

Posted by Sterling Doc - 12 Oct 2015 19:03

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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 - 05 Nov 2015 18:19

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You're right, maybe I was thinking of somebody else down south there. It looked like a red late dash car. HIS shifter IS jacked up! Mine was like that and I had to drop out of the 2014 nationals, at my home track(!) mid race because of it. I rebuilt everything and it was better, not perfect though

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## Re: Rule Change Requests for 2016

Posted by wera44 - 05 Nov 2015 18:39

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I've posted a few so it might have been mine.

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## Re: Rule Change Requests for 2016

Posted by afonseca - 05 Nov 2015 18:41

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**Crooks wrote:**

Guys does it occur to anyone else that rules change season has become political. Most of the proposals, it seems, are from the SE most of the objections from the left coast and Midwest. The Southeast is almost new to 944 Spec "new guys", the coast and Midwest are the "old guys".

Good post and interesting perspective. As one of the "new guys" to 944 Spec and also on the West Coast, I thought I'd chime in since I agree with the new rule proposals and feel they are reasonable. This stems from wanting to see the class grow so we can have more people to race with.

I attended the West Coast Championship this year and saw a decline in attendance from the previous year. We barely got 10 cars on grid for the official race and with the exception of a few of us from out of region, it felt more like a Southern California Championship. I don't think we had anyone from the Northern California region this year. I came down from the NorthWest region which unfortunately no longer exists this year so that's another challenge.

**Crooks wrote:**

Truth is: ALL race cars have a fire problem, to think otherwise is irrational and dangerous. Gasoline fires are insidious;

Although not related to the rule proposal I can comment on the danger of fire since my car caught fire during my last race of the season (fuel sampling port at the end of the fuel rail failed). We were able to get it put out very quickly and the car survived but certainly gives me a new respect for fire safety.

So I'm for keeping costs down on things that are required but open to rule changes that enhance our ability to grow the class by removing objections for those getting started.

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## Re: Rule Change Requests for 2016

Posted by RacerX - 05 Nov 2015 22:01

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If you're worried about how dated the car looks maybe you're in the wrong class? These are 30 year old cars, that's why they're cheap! Don't forget, Ronald Reagan was President when these cars were built.

If you're worried about structural integrity, just wait till your fire wall cracks!

If you want to take a removable liner and place it in your spare tire well, fill it with foam so you feel safe, I'd say go for it. Just remember that in a fire, that foam will go up faster than anything else. Not to mention the thick black smoke from the foam. Also, it doesn't

have to be in a direct flame to melt and smoke. I believe 944-Cup has a rule like that. If we're really serious about safety and fatigue, maybe we should look into getting a replacement fuel rail and allow the Lindsey Racing billet fuel rail.

As far as wheels, here's a set on ebay... [www.ebay.com/itm/83-84-85-86-944-15x7-Co...hcJWO7F1&mp;vxp=mtr](http://www.ebay.com/itm/83-84-85-86-944-15x7-Co...hcJWO7F1&mp;vxp=mtr)

They are in good shape for only \$550 which includes shipping. If you minus \$100 for shipping that's only \$112.50 per wheel. I'd buy them if I had the money.

Short throw shifters are a performance advantage allowing faster shifting. If we let this one in, it will increase the cost for everyone.

As far as increasing the class, someone said it earlier, when someone says Porsche they think \$\$\$\$\$. As a former Group 3-4 Leader, the Series Director needs to go talk with 3-4 and wrangle them in before they head off to TT or another group. Your not going to get everybody but 1 or 2 per year will help!! As 3-4 Leader I have pulled in 4 people in 3 years.

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## Re: Rule Change Requests for 2016

Posted by afonseca - 05 Nov 2015 22:41

**RacerX wrote:**

Short throw shifters are a performance advantage allowing faster shifting.

As you said, we are talking about Ronald Regan era cars here, the transmission will only let you get into gear so fast so there is no performance increase here. It's just a "feel" modification so those that are happy with the way the shifter feels need not spend any money.

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