

Christmas Present

Posted by JerryW - 24 Dec 2009 02:55

Joe - I know you've been really busy but is there any chance we will get a Christmas present of knowing what is changing in the rules for next year.

(With a couple of 4 day weekends coming up I was planning to do some prep for next year - and I hate waiting until the year starts before knowing what needs to be fixed and our first race is in Feb)

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Re:Christmas Present

Posted by joepaluch - 30 Dec 2009 22:55

Sterling Doc wrote:

If your car is legal now, it will be for next season.

quite true.

The point is this is not my day job. It never has been and until I see a paycheck never will be.

Sometime life gets in the way and slows things down. It takes time to go through everything and make good decisions that will stand the test of time. You can appreciate that one quick judgement can cause a problem for years to come.

Also since we directors know the changes for 2010 it does not mean we feel comfortable sharing with everyone right now. National has over the years questioned some changes and or wording. Now some times we have taken issue with it and other time National has insight on things we don't and their questions make our rules better. So rather than state it all I want some feedback from them before THEY publish. (remember National publishes the rules)

As for not having the rules before the January Event. Well my guess is the will be published before this event, but not very soon before it.

So Eric's point of if the car was legal in 2009 it will be in 2010 is very valid. Nothing in these rules is going to take away anything. Plus you can also see where we are going with the rules by look at the proposals. Now clearly this also means the 2650lbs weight and 205's are not going to happen. We are staying at 2600lbs and with 225/50's. Beyond that don't worry. Remember still that the rules changes that will happen are not intended to change the performance of the cars anyway. So don't expect to get beat by any new rules for 2010. If you did WE made a mistake on these rules.

So again relax and remember we are doing this for fun.

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Re:Christmas Present

Posted by JerryW - 31 Dec 2009 01:29

Joe,

I'm sorry that you felt I was disparaging of your (and the other Directors) volunteer efforts. That was not my intent.

I recognize that you all put in much time for our benefit and that it is not recompensed. We all appreciate the efforts the Directors put in on our behalf.

I'd been hoping just for a list of what was changing (not needing the exact details) so I could finalize my pre-season build planning. If something I'd been planning on working on was in the list of changes then I'd put it off until publication. I was trying to avoid working on something twice, once under old rules and once under new - or as in my previous example replacing a windscreen with a new glass one and then finding I could have used a lexan one.

I know that we were just coming out of a rules freeze and more than normal changes were submitted. Would it be out of order to suggest that we move the rules discussion/decisions earlier so as to avoid these time crunches ? For example PCA Club Racing uses the following:

March 15 Notification in Club Racing News and on the PCA Club Racing website that proposed rules changes

may be submitted between April 1 and June 1.

April 1 Opening date for submission of proposed rules changes.

June 1 Final date for submission of rules revision suggestions to the Club Racing Committee.

June and July Technical/Rules Committee and Stewards review suggestions and formulate proposed revisions for the

coming year.

August 1 Proposed revisions published for comment either in the Club Racing Newsletter, on the PCA Club

Racing website, or by separate mailing to all licensed racers.

October 1 Final date for submission of comments to the Club Racing Technical Chairman.

October 15 Proposed revisions reconsidered in light of comments and submitted to the Club Racing Chairman

and his/her Advisory Committee for approval.

November 1 Final revisions published in Club Racing Newsletter, on the PCA Club Racing website, or by separate

mailing to all licensed racers to take effect January 1.

Maybe we could do something similar in the future so the winter down time can be planned ? Note that PCA also don't always meet the dates but they have some slip time built in.

Thanks for listening.

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Re:Christmas Present

Posted by cbuzzetti - 12 Jan 2010 02:50

Hi Joe, was anything sent about valve jobs to National for consideration? I don't remember seeing anything about that.

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Re:Christmas Present

Posted by joepaluch - 12 Jan 2010 21:32

cbuzzetti wrote:

Hi Joe, was anything sent about valve jobs to National for consideration? I don't remember seeing anything about that.

Nope. No changes related to the actual valves or ports were considered.

I am still waiting on National to respond before I publish anything.

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Re:Christmas Present

Posted by cbuzzetti - 13 Jan 2010 01:41

I was thinking about the actual valve grind angles and such. There was a discussion about this somewhere.

Just checking to see if there was a clarification.

Thanks,

Charlie

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Re:Christmas Present

Posted by Sterling Doc - 13 Jan 2010 02:29

Stay within factory/service manual Specs. A full radius valve grind, for example, would not be legal.

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