



1/8th I.C. Off Road Buggy:  
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### Safety comes first

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Hello my RC friends

A new season is ready to start; it is going to be an interesting one, rather demanding for your EFRA responsible as we are to implement new rules to be policed at our events.

As you might recall at 2009 EFRA AGM we approved the limit on the percentage of nitro content at fuel mixture, 25 %. This rule has come into force 1<sup>st</sup> January this year so fuel test will be done at our races.

It is my intention to try to keep it easy for everyone using Nitromax 25 % as first primary test system, there is no reason at our class to search for a limit so don't put yourself in risk and go for a secure fuel. It has been said to me that at other continents the cans of 25 % are really on the limit while the European cans of fuel are normally with some margin and so that safer to be used. Anyhow that is yet to be checked out.

Mentioning Nitromax 25 does not mean we aren't able to go for accurate test, most probably a specific device will be used at the Euros able to look after the non allowed additives at fuel mixture.

This is not the only new rule we have to apply, I must recall you on the opening sentence of this letter, Safety comes first, this is linked to the charging of your LiPo/LiFe batteries. For such a "LiPo Sack" is mandatory at all EFRA classes, cost of it is nearly peanuts so please, buy one and USE IT.

Following the principle settled with that sentence we must highlight that the bumpers must be made from flexible material, this is the end of the war tanks we have seen this past year, yes car must be able to hold the track, but not based on a II WW adaptation.

Regarding race rules the main changes are the creation of Euro Indoor event and the possibility at all European championships for the TQ driver to practice at BOTH semifinals practice, A & B, giving some value to the effort of such achievement.

Soon you will be able to find the updated EFRA handbook 2011 at the EFRA webpage, <http://www.efra.ws>  
Let us now enter on an analysis of the Season.

Start of it will be the always interesting NEO Race at Harper Adams UK, the 22-25 April, the website for the race is <http://theneorace.com/> and I can hardly encourage you to attend it as most probably the event is fully booked since months ago.

Our second event of the season will be widely attended in order to prepare the Euro A, it will be the EFRA GP of Germany at Sand Am Main the 13-15 May, the web site of the event is <http://www.euroa2011.mscdsand.de/>

Obviously this page will be valid as well for our biggest event of the year, the XXXI (31) European Championship A 1/8<sup>th</sup> I.C. Off Road to be held at same venue the first week of August, with the main final on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> as usual. This will be my 20<sup>th</sup> ECA at our class, so let's try to have a great time there.

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Going back to our EFRA calendar the 27-29 May we are to celebrate an International Race at center Europe, more precisely Czeck Republic, at Horni Jeleni track, Pardubice region website is <http://www.rcdivokejeleni.cz> , as the web is only czeck language friendly I can suggest you to use this link to the race flyer with contact information : [http://www.xb8.cz/upload/2011\\_02\\_11\\_16\\_12\\_efra\\_kveten2011.jpg](http://www.xb8.cz/upload/2011_02_11_16_12_efra_kveten2011.jpg)

The next race of our EFRA off road show will be the VIII European Championship B at Lyon St Exupery, nearby the airport, France. The website of the club is <http://www.camse.net> and the dates are 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Next, using our usual 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of July date, is the EFRA GP of Switzerland of Oberbüren, club website is <http://www.morcsg.ch/> , This will be an quite interesting event as the track will be the venue of the next Euro B 2012, so a good chance to practice for it.

After Switzerland we will head to the Eurochamps A back to Germany and after that, at September 9-10 & 11 we are to close the season with the EFRA GP of Italy at Sacile track, pretty north Italy, website is <http://www.ongaroring.it/>

Please, keep on mind, at all events **safety comes first.**

Yours in the Sport, your EFRA Section Chairman

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