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IFMAR news for EFRA 1/8 Buggy Section

Freixedas, track side EuroB16, 10th June 2016

My dear sportfriends:

We all know we have been struggling over driving spots for the next IFMAR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP in Las Vegas Nevada USA next October 2016.

Through an increase on the number of allowed entries we ensured for Europe, EFRA and our member countries, at least 53 spots, which was our best guess at the beginning of the process (from 39 to 50/53).

Consequently, through our allocation system we have done the Official European EFRA List with 53 names to enter the event as EFRA Team, the list is already published at the EFRA website.

During this process it was clear that we were going to need more spots as the demand for the event was HUGE even over the 53 expected spots (keep on mind we, the 30 member asociations of Europe, EFRA, do start as per the rules with only 39 spots).

We have tried our best for our member countries entities and our drivers, and finally we have obtained an extra way to enter the IFMAR Event.

There will be a Pre-Qualifying race on the Friday prior to the event, **the 30 of September** at Las Vegas Track, the best 10/12 drivers out of this day will keep on competing at the IFMAR World Championship during the next week. Even more, the no-shows track side will be covered by the drivers next in this pre-qualifying race order.

The basic rule for this race is this one:

1.7.2 For the remaining available 10 spots up till 234 allocations a separate Qualifying race on the Friday(or earlier, depending on schedule for 8 or 10 days) will be organized with the following procedure. Drivers can register thru their block for an extra possibility to Qualify for the main event. 10 Places to distribute. Pay the standard entry fee set by the bloc. List the drivers on a separate entry sheet mentioning PRE-QUALIFYING. Pre-Qualifying starts on the Friday. The maximum numbers for Pre-Qualifying is 24 drivers per bloc. We expect all blocs will be fair in choosing their drivers for the 224 allocations and trust we do not find drivers on the prequalifying list who should be within the 224 allocated places or who were on the list from 224. They run 2 practice rounds on the Friday morning, 8 heats x 6 minutes. If there are less drivers the time for 8 heats will be taken into account to avoid that drivers do not have time to check and maintain their cars. They run 5 Qualifiers on the Friday, 8 heats with warm up and 5 minutes of racing. 3 out of 5 to count (point system), top 10 goes to the main event. Numbers 11 till XX are coming on the waiting list for the no-shows. Whoever does not qualify for the main event, they will get no refund, however they have their credential badge to be at the event either as mechanic or other level and their credential badge gives also access to the banquet for the prize giving ceremony. No extra pit-space will be available for those not in the main event and not qualified. Entry fee from Pre-Qualifying is distributed the same way as the standard fee, meaning extra fee for the organizer, which can be used for the event.

Consequently, EFRA is opening now a process for enlisting our 24 european drivers at a list for this last chance to enter for the IFMAR Worlds THROUGH our member countries, we are going to use our approved reallocation

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order to be a part of the sytstem to select this 24 drivers in event of oversuscription. EFRA is sending out a form for such with no red line for reallocations but the names admitted on the list will not be published until our EC A 2016 is over, the next 10 of July 2016.

So from now 10th June 2016 to the 8th of July 2016 the EFRA Member Countries can send your EFRA entry form for this Pre-qualifying event.

I hope this partial solution will help our members to show our drivers we are doing the best for the sport and the best for their driving skills.

With my best regards Yours in the sport

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