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2018 Rule Changes and General information (2018 RCAGI)

Dear sport friends,

This is my first opportunity to contact you in 2019. I hope you will have a happy new year and, I hope for a great success in racing for this season.

First of all, I would like to welcome to our **new EFRA 1/10th Section Chairman Julie Thurston from UK**. She has a lot of experience in 1/10th IC 200mm and she is well known in our RC world. I'm very happy to work together and I hope that we can improve the 1/10th and 1/8th IC sections. Welcome on board Julie!

I have sent out this letter to inform you about news for 2019. New rules approved in last AGM, Official Tire Suppliers for 2019, new EFRA web registration tool and final IC calendar.

This year some changes have been implemented in our appendix that we could divide in 5 main ideas: Make events shorter (EFRA GP SERIES and EC's), Fuel issue continuing with 16% instead of 25%, Tire issue (improving our actual system instead of multibrand), GT rules adapting our appendix to IFMAR rules, 1/8th EP cars improving rules according to feedback got in 2018 season and some other minor changes with experience that we got during last season. Let me explain you the news and why is the reason to change them (or to keep them):

1. **Make events shorter:** The reason to go ahead for that in 2019 is because we got requests from drivers during the year asking us that events aren't longer than necessary with a lot of days of practice (i.e. 17 rounds of 10 minutes in EC in Portugal). We understood that private driver has to spent time and resources to keep competitive. Too hard for them. Also, in EFRA GP SERIES during first part of the season, some drivers had personal reasons (work issues) to not attend the event on Thursday. So now, with new rule, the goal is to attract new/more drivers to our races. Additionally, we allow 12 drivers in free practice, with aim to get more track time during event. EC's will start on Wednesday and EFRA GP SERIES races will start on Friday.
2. **Fuel Issue:** One of the key points of the rules this year. It has been hard to decide if we move forward to the decision that we got in 2018 (go 25% of nitro in 1/8th) or continue with 16%. A lot of complains from other countries (safety regulations), drivers, brands, and more that 5 proposals to keep 16% forced us to keep 16% of nitro for 2019. Everybody has to understand that we have to make rules for the majority of the drivers, and we have to respect European regulations and country regulations. So, finally federations approved to keep 16% of nitro in 1/8th instead to go to 25% of nitro.
3. **Tire Issue:** Another "hot point" to discuss in our section meeting. Multibrand was accepted in 2018 without any supported rule. Finally, this year federation decided to continue with monobrand with some improvements. One of the points to control quantity of tires needed for the race is that driver will have 8 sets automatically assigned when a driver register in a race and driver has to inform if they want to order more tires for practice. (please read complete rule 5.1.1.).
4. **GT Rules:** IFMAR decided to organize first Official WC of GT in 2019, for this reason Federations approved that, for 2019, we will change completely our set of rules for GT cars, following GT IFMAR rules as official class. For that reason, in 2020 we will have first Official EC of GT cars (Lostallo, 2020). Super GT cars and other classes will be invited as supported class in different events.
5. **1/8th EP:** We made some changes in the rules in order to continue improving EP class. Increase length of final in STOCK CLASS (now called PAN CAR CLASS) and other technical changes have been changed.
6. **Varia:** Some other changes implemented in the appendix in order to improve our rules with the experience got it during last season. More distance for between cars in Le mans starting procedure, maximum entries of 100 drivers for events, clarification of Super pole procedure, some minor adjustments in Euro B and other clarifications for organizers and drivers have been modified for 2019.

Regarding Control Tire for 2019, in this letter we will inform you about who will be manufactures for our races. 5 manufactures for 6 races (Türkheim will be raced with same tire at EFRA GP SERIES and EC) will be on board as OTS. I'm firmly believe that they will provide best quality of tires to get great and fair races.

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RACE OF 2019 SEASON	BRAND
1 st EFRA GP SERIES VIGO (Spain)	UFRA TIRES
2 nd EFRA GP SERIES GUBBIO (Italy)	HOT RACE TIRES
3 rd EFRA GP SERIES TÜRKHEIM (Germany)	SHEPHERD TIRES
EFRA EC 1/8 th IC MONTBONNOT (France)	MATRIX
EFRA EC 1/10 th IC 200mm TÜRKHEIM (Germany)	SHEPHERD TIRES
EFRA EC 1/8 th & 1/10 th IC 200mm LA TURBIE (Monaco)	CONTACT TIRES

Regarding new EFRA web registration tool, I would like to keep you informed that registration in Official EC's will be directly thru EFRA website. Attached you can find out all information about that <https://www.efra.ws/detail/?lk=0&fk=0&nk=2229> .For EFRA GP SERIES registration will be done directly thru organizer, in the same way that we did in the last season.

Finally, attached final calendar for IC section in 2019:

https://www.efra.ws/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/RaceCalendar_2019_V2.pdf

Keep in mind that with this letter, I only informed you of some main changes in the rules, but other important rules will remain the same. So, please don't forget to review the complete 2019 HANDBOOK (especially our appendix 1) when it will be published.

In case you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and I wish you a successfully race year.

Best Regards

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