

2017 Startrax Hot Rod Rules - Amendments issued 12/12/2016

As a promotion, we always attempt to listen to drivers views and opinions as I have a very simple ethos in life, happy pits, happy drivers = fun, good car counts and hopefully spectators which is what we all need.

As a promotion I am proud of the evolution of Startrax Hot Rods – something we should all share however I would remind everyone that from the outset this was always designed as a 'budget' non contact formula for the working man who did not want to go into 'contact' formulae and we never had a desire to create a 1600cc 'National Hot Rods' on shale.

Over the last several months the team has worked very hard in engaging with drivers and listening to their views as we made a serious attempt to 'clarify and tighten' the rules given the formula's growth – and keep it in check.

As well as lightened fly wheels, the biggest issue has been the use of Rally engines within the formula – Some weeks ago a vote was taken on this which the majority wished to remain with a standard engine as defined in the revised rule below. We listened to further feedback and held a drivers meeting on Thursday 8th December and, I would add, that we were delighted at the excellent turn out, which does show the passion of our drivers for the formula. Again we provided the opportunity for further debate and again the majority view confirmed the original poll. Since then I/we have received contact from drivers, all I must commend, have been polite and constructive and expressing some concern.

As a promotion, all we can do is listen, and we do – we went an extra mile in looking at other promotions rules including Incarace for guidance. We have reflected upon further submissions in recent days.

However, from time to time, we have to make a judgement call on what firstly we believe is correct and in the spirit of what is a shale based formula and, secondly the majority view.

We are also at a critical time as drivers wish to know the decision – and the reasons for reaching a decision bearing in mind we wish to retain and attract as many drivers as we can, we are not in the business of amending rules to prejudice the formula. On this occasion, we wish to re affirm that the 2017 rules from 1st March will be that all cars will run to the rule clarified below. We appreciate that this may not sit well with some drivers, whom may feel the time right to move to pastures new and we respect that. We thank you for your support and of course if that proves the case you will always be welcomed back.

However we have to do what we believe is right for what is intrinsigically 'right' for a shale formula and that is 'budget' orientated and not necessarily what would also be suitable for tarmac, which is a very different beast entirely.

There will be improved incentive and competitions for 2017 which will be announced in January – so 'ley's get building! Have a great Christmas and Winter series.

2017 Startrax Hot Rods Rule Amendments

1. Cars Eligible – Max 4 cylinders / 8 valves
2. Sun Visor Max depth removed
4. Suspension
 - All front struts MUST be as manufactured
 - 2/5 inch coil springs are allowed only on front and only on a standard strut
 - Back Shock absorbers are OPEN but not adjustable
5. Rollcage
 - The Roll cage hoop must be mounted at all points to wedged plate minimum size 100mm x 100mm x 3,, - If not welded to floor, minimum 2 m12 bolts must be used per mounting
6. Engines
 - The engine type MUST remain as standard as manufactured for that model
 - NO Rally or SXi [Peugeot or Citroen] parts, engines or ECU will be permitted
8. Carburetors
 - NO Motorcycle carburetors allowed
 - NO Carburetors permitted on 1600 VTR or 1600 Peugeot engines
- 18 - Window nets MUST be fitted Drivers side – Steering wheel, it is compulsory that this be taped / or dish fitted in centre
- 20 Racing numbers
 - The front half of the roof must be painted in applicable grade roof colour

Random Engine & ECU checks WILL be carried out throughout the season

The scrutineers decision is final

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