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Subject:
Class and Championship Rules Changes

A number of rules changes were announced in the Rally America 2018 Rules Letter (posted 21 October 2017). However, many of these changes were not reflected in either the 2018 Performance Rally Rules or Bulletin 2018-001. The Bulletin formally makes those changes to the rules.

1. Replace the table in Article 3.1.A.5 with the following.

Class	Class ID
National Limited Open	NLO
Open Light	L
Super Production	SP
Group 2	G2
Group 5	G5
B-Spec	B

2. Strike Article 9.1.A.5.

3. Insert the following as Article 9.1.A.5.

5. Open Light

Competitors entered in Open Light Class will be scored in the Open Light National Championship.

4. Replace the table in Article 10.1 with the following.

Category	Classes
Open	Open, Super Production National Limited Open, Open Light, Group 2, Group 5
Production	Super Production, B-Spec

5. Replace the table in Article 10.1.F.1 with the following.

Class	Inlet Restrictor Size
B-Spec	None with boost limit
Super Production	34mm x 3mm
Group 2	N/A
Group5	N/A
Open	34mm x 3mm
Open (Driver in Seeded Draw)	34mm x 3mm with boost limit
Super Production National Limited Open	34mm x 3mm or 36mm x 3mm with boost limit

6. Replace the first paragraph of Article 10.2.A.1 with the following.

1. The Open Category is comprised of five Classes: Open, Super Production National Limited Open, Open Light, Group 5, and Group 2. It is the intent of these Rules that vehicles competing in the Open Category be based on production vehicles. Innovation and modifications within the rules is encouraged. Non-production based vehicles (i.e., "one-off" vehicles) built from the ground up, are explicitly prohibited. In general, freedom is given to modify any component of the vehicle providing that it is not otherwise restricted below.

7. Replace Article 10.2.A.11 with the following.

11. Super Production National Limited Open Class: In addition to all other restrictions pertaining to Super Production National Open Class elsewhere, the following additional restrictions are added:

8. Replace Article 10.2.A.11.1 with the following.

- i. Any rear mounted aerodynamic device may be claimed post-event by another Super Production National Limited Open Class entrant for \$1,000. Other Open Class limits on aero devices also remain.

9. Replace Article 10.2.A.11.t with the following.

- t. Only the racing fuel specified for Super Production National Limited Open Class, or locally available standard unleaded "pump" gasoline (per Article 10.1.D.2.b) is allowed.

10. Replace the first paragraph of Article 10.2.B.1 with the following.

1. The Production Category is comprised of one ~~two~~ Classes: B-Spec and Super Production.

11. Replace Article 10.2.B.1.a with the following.

- a. B-Spec

B-Spec class vehicles are built to Production Category rules using one of the following normally aspirated vehicle models:

2012-2016~~8~~ Chevrolet Sonic

2012-20168 Fiat 500
2011-20168 Ford Fiesta
2009-20168 Honda Fit
2012-20168 Kia Rio
2011-2014 Mazda 2
2007-20168 MINI Cooper
2007-20168 Nissan Versa
2007-20168 Toyota Yaris

Alternately, B-Spec class vehicles are built to Production Category rules using one of the following forced induction vehicle models:

2014-20168 Chevrolet Sonic 1.4 liter
2014-20168 Ford Fiesta 1.0 liter
2014-20168 MINI Cooper 1.5 liter

12. Strike Article 10.2.B.3.d.
13. Strike Article 10.2.B.4.b.
14. Strike Article 10.2.B.5.b.
15. Replace Article 10.2.B.11 with the following.

11. Cooling System

If, for the same model, radiators of different capacities are normally offered, they may be used. The addition of a radiator screen is authorized. The make and type of thermostat are unrestricted; however, a single engine oil cooler and the necessary fittings may be added.

Aftermarket replacement radiator hoses and liquid coolant hoses are authorized, provided that their installation requires no other component modification (direct OE replacement). No other hoses may be replaced by aftermarket hoses (for example, aftermarket intercooler connection hoses are not allowed), unless authorized elsewhere by Rally America.

~~In Super Production vehicles, intercooler hoses and water radiators are free. Alternate cooling fans and brackets are permitted.~~

16. Strike Article 10.2.B.12.b.
17. Strike Article 10.2.B.13.e.
18. Strike Article 10.2.B.13.f.
19. Strike Article 10.2.B.14.b and its sub-article.
20. Replace Article 10.2.B.17 with the following.

17. Gearbox

If, for the same model, different gearboxes are normally offered, they may be used.

~~In Super Production, electronic control of the center differential is unrestricted.~~

~~In Super Production, the Active Center Differential pump and accumulator on a 2005 Mitsubishi Evolution VIII or a 2006-2008 Mitsubishi Evolution IX may be relocated.~~

21. Strike Article 10.2.B.19.c.
22. Strike Article 10.2.B.22.b.
23. Strike Article 10.2.B.23 and its sub-articles.
24. Strike Article 10.2.B.24.a.
25. Strike Article 10.2.B.28.g.

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