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Chief Steward Bulletin based on the AGM 2017

A very interesting meeting with go ahead thoughts and suggestions from the whole Council. This bulletin will be supported by the Minutes from the meeting but we want to get the thoughts and intentions out as soon as possible. The suggestions need to be public for anyone building for a specific class to be aware of forthcoming rule changes over the next year or two. Full intention is to have these rules adopted for 2019 but this will be a Council directive.

Combining of Truck Classes.

The thoughts are to combine Class Two, Four and Six with engine cc rating based on Class Four rules being 4 and 6-cylinder maximum 4300cc naturally aspirated petrol motor or turbo and supercharger being 2000cc petrol or 3200cc for the diesel motor.

Chassis and body to remain as per Class Four rules though chassis modifications may be further restricted. Further discussion required.

Any truck that doesn't fall within these rules will move to Class eight.

Combining Offroader Classes.

The thoughts are to combine Class Seven, Challenger and Five. It is believed that the transaxle gearbox will not survive the horse power required to be competitive in Class Three. It is off the shelf buying to change piston and barrel sets from 1600cc to 1300cc. There is a big push for IRS in Class Seven. Other than cc rating this is literally a Class Five race car. A further concern was taking the underage drivers that have exceeded the Class M & J into Class Five. The intent would be to run any new competitor regardless of age of the back of the grid until their ability has been proven. I personally believe that a youth competitor coming through the M & J Class racing has more experience than someone new coming into Off-roading and racing in Class five. Regardless, a parent can limit the horse power available if they are concerned about a car being further advanced than the driver. Further comments that swing axle parts are becoming very scarce are being listened to.

We are at the point of Rule writing for the adaption into the new Classes. We would like to hear comments over December / January so we can put positive action into place and get the rules with the help of the Chief Tech into draft form as soon as possible.

Please discuss this at club level and pass your conclusive thoughts back over Martin, Neville and myself in copy so we can act accordingly on the suggestions presented. It would be good to offer a summary at the next Council meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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