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Re: Cooper Tires Winterfest 2011 Regulations

Looking forward to Cooper Tires Winterfest, we have completed and posted to the series website, the 2011 USF2000 Championship rules in order to facilitate IndyCar licensing for the 2011 season. This licensing requires your acknowledgement of the receipt of the rules governing the 2011 USF2000 season.

At the time of announcing Cooper Tires Winterfest and prior to updating the rules for 2011, the series indicated that the 2010 regulations and Bulletins would be in effect for Cooper Tires Winterfest. Because competitors are required to hold 2011 licenses to compete at Cooper Tires Winterfest (including receipt of the 2011 rules as above), we wanted to determine exactly how different the two rulebooks were and whether we could use only the 2011 rules, with minimal modification, without losing sight of the original expectation to use the 2010 rules and Bulletins for Cooper Tires Winterfest.

It seemed appropriate to compare the two sets of regulations to minimize the complication to participants and reduce the amount of reading and learning of materials, especially those that will thereafter become obsolete. As a simple solution and in light of the similarities between the 2010 and 2011 rules, we are laying out the following information: For the purposes of Cooper Tires Winterfest, the USF2000 series intends to use the 2011 version of the rules, with specific concessions noted in a Bulletin, to correct them to the 2010 version as simply and reasonably as possible and in the interest of staying true to the original stipulation of using the 2010 rules and Bulletins for Cooper Tires Winterfest.

For competitors who are new to the USF2000 series, this will be the simplest method of learning the rules. Learn only the 2011 version and note the specific articles that will not be in force at Cooper Tires Winterfest. Then you will already be familiar with the rules as they will be used and enforced in the 2011

regular season, avoiding the redundancy of learning the 2010 rules. For reference, all 2010 rules and Bulletin material remains archived on the series website. For competitors who joined us in 2010, you are already familiar with the majority of the rules and the following exclusions and explanations should be self-explanatory as you focus to familiarize yourselves with the 2011 version.

First we will outline the substantive (not the essentially typographical or stylistic) differences from the 2010 rules and then we will outline the specific articles or sections of the 2011 rules that will be modified or not in effect only for Cooper Tires Winterfest.

Operational Rule Book (not including the Technical Rules) differences:

There are very few fundamentally different rules in the 2011 Operational Rules although the organization of the rulebook has changed slightly and certain subsets (Graphics requirements and Substance abuse policy, etc.) are now provided as external appendixes. There have also been typographical and semantic updates. The points of substantive change from the rules and Bulletins in effect for the 2010 season are as follow:

1. A more detailed outline of expected post-race responsibilities in Section 1.
2. A formalized description of Qualifications for multiple Races in Section 8.
3. A formalized description of the procedures for 'Wet' Qualifications in Section 8.

As these three points are strictly procedural and, while not published, were already in effect during the 2010 season, they will remain in effect for the purposes of Cooper Tires Winterfest.

Technical Rule Book Differences (from the 2010 Rules and any Bulletins):

14.1.1: New

14.1.2: New

14.2: The Championship car remains unchanged, yet a number of the dimensions have been verified and adjusted for accuracy in the rulebook. These sections will remain in force at Cooper Tires Winterfest, as the changes do not affect the car as permitted.

14.2.1 – 14.2.4: Dimensional accuracy

14.5.5 – 14.5.8 & 14.5.11: Dimensional accuracy

14.6.1.1: Language modified to specify Van Diemen

14.6.1.2.d: Added for accuracy

14.6.3: Last line added for clarity

14.6.4: Adjusted for accuracy (only one set of pylons are available from the manufacturer)

14.6.5:	Modified procedure
14.6.7:	Dimensional accuracy
14.6.8:	Dimensional accuracy and added setback dimension
14.6.9:	Dimensional accuracy and added flap dimensions
14.6.14:	Specified Van Diemen 2010 Aero package
14.7.1:	Dimensional accuracy
14.8.3:	New
14.8.4:	List modified for accuracy
14.8.6:	New
14.8.10:	Added for clarity
14.8.11:	New
14.11.1:	New
14.12.3:	Added for clarity
14.12.10:	Adjusted
14.14.6:	New
14.14.8:	New
14.14.9:	New
14.17.1:	Added third sentence
14.19.2:	New
14.23.1:	Modified
14.23.2:	New
14.24.3:	Modified
14.26.2:	Modified
14.28:	Some deletions
14.28.2:	New

14.29.1:	New
14.30.1:	Added for clarity
14.30.1.1:	Clarified
14.32.1:	Added to list but essentially unchanged
14.33.2:	New
14.34.6:	New
14.34.7:	New
14.34.9:	New

The following Articles will be outlined in a Bulletin, which will only be in effect for Cooper Tires Winterfest. All competitors are strongly encouraged to consider the implications of certain abeyances for Cooper Tires Winterfest. Any rules not in effect at Cooper Tires Winterfest will, however, have implications for the 2011 regular season. It would be wasteful to incur expense and effort to compete at Cooper Tires Winterfest to the rules as per the Bulletin and then be required to repeat expenditures of time and effort to comply in the 2011 season (for example, seats – 14.14.8 & 14.14.9). If you already have parts complying with the rules as per the Bulletin, by all means, use them for Cooper Tires Winterfest, but don't make lesser parts for Cooper Tires Winterfest that you will have to remake to fit the rules for the regular season.

14.6.1.1:	Aero packages other than the Van Diemen 2010 package must be declared for use in the entirety of Cooper Tires Winterfest. Competitors having participated in the 2010 USF2000 Championship and having declared an aero package must use only that declared aero package or only the 2010 Van Diemen Aero Package.
14.6.5:	Not in effect for Cooper Tires Winterfest
14.6.14:	Rule remains in effect for Van Diemen or any declared aero package
14.12.10:	Quantities will be adjusted for Cooper Tires Winterfest
14.14.8:	Not in effect for Cooper Tires Winterfest
14.14.9:	Not in effect for Cooper Tires Winterfest
14.19.2:	Specific location not in effect for Cooper Tires Winterfest
14.23.1:	Also Zetec engines built only by Elite or Quicksilver will be permitted
14.23.2:	Not in effect for Cooper Tires Winterfest

14.26.2: Only one (1) dry-break in the fuel supply line (as during 2010) will be required at Cooper Tires Winterfest and only of Championship class cars

14.28.2: Only in effect for MZR engined cars at Cooper Tires Winterfest

14.29.1: Only in effect for MZR engined cars at Cooper Tires Winterfest

14.34.3: 2010 GCR for Cooper Tires Winterfest

14.34.10: Not in effect for Cooper Tires Winterfest