



Bilstein Modified Lite STARS Announced Relaxing of WHEELS AND TIRES Rule 7.16

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SOMERSET, PA (February 25th, 2014): Bilstein Modified Lite STARS Bulletin 2014-2 will go into effect as of this date. Bill Bauer, Bilstein Modified Lite STARS President of Competition & Racing Operations announced today the relaxing of WHEELS AND TIRES Rule 7.16.

Although we support our current tire rule and our agreement with Hoosier Racing Tire that makes Hoosier the official tire of the Bilstein Modified Lite STARS Tour, Bauer noted “the Modified Lite STARS program is unique to other sanctioning bodies. We are a non-profit organization and we prefer to have a tire program that is affordable and not a support tire similar to the TUSA tire program.” Within the Modified Lite division, other sanctioning bodies use plated tires to subsidize their programs, with the added costs being passed through directly to the racers. “A support tire program costs the driver more than \$125.00 per tire, and a portion of that is turned over to the sanctioning body,” Bauer explained. That is not so with the Bilstein Modified Lite STARS tire which cost our drivers \$100 retail. Bauer explained “all of our regional directors and club presidents unanimously rejected that idea of a support tire; they didn’t like it that the drivers had to pay the extra fee on top of the cost of the tire.”

We want to continue our relationship with Hoosier Racing Tire, however; we have promoters and track owners with contractual requirements that require us to allow more of an open tire rule allowing other tire brands. We want a “one tire program” Bauer stated but to continue our relationships with all our tracks, we are stuck between the hard place and a rock putting us in an awkward position.

Effective February 25th, 2014 Rule 7.16.4 was added to read:

7.16.4 Optional rule will read “Any tire identified by the region/club/track with a tire width max. 8” and 40-dirometer minimum before the race will be allowed”.

The Bilstein Modified Lite STARS was formed to fill a void and restore much-needed stability to the world of Modified Lite racing. To reverse the downward trend that the division was experiencing, the Modified Lite STARS established stability and direction. Serving as a national sanctioning body, the Modified Lite STARS International Championship Tour represents an aggressively growing segment of motor sports racing and is recognized as the leader in Modified Lite racing. In its eighth year of operation the STARS program has gained widespread acceptance with its standardized rules, sponsorship programs, with the STARS model becoming the basic guide for pockets of localized Modified Lite racers.

The Modified Lite STARS International Championship Tour is proudly supported by its major sponsors: Bilstein Shock Absorbers, Hertrick GMC, and Hoosier Racing Tire.

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