



## **Winter Dirt Games Nationals to Kick off 2015 Bilstein Mod Lite International Championship Tour**

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Somerset, PA (December 5, 2014): The Bilstein Modified Lite STARS International Championship Tour will make its first winter sojourn to Bubba Raceway Park, in Ocala, FL, February 19, 20, and 21, 2015. Three complete programs await the best Mod Lite drivers from all across the country, and a point fund paying the top ten overall will be provided. The Mod Lite STARS will appear in support of the United States Auto Club Sprint Cars as part of the speedway's Winter Dirt Games Nationals.

"I want to thank Bubba Clem (the owner of the unique D-shaped track) for making the Bilstein Modified Lite STARS part of this prestigious event," said Tour President Bill Bauer. "Racers from all parts of the country are expected to enter this historic event." The Bilstein Modified Lite International Tour boasts the biggest footprint for these scaled-down Mods. "The Mod Lites offer some of the most competitive and affordable racing around," he added.

Thirteen of the nation's best Mod Lite racers have earned guaranteed starts in the big feature that will conclude the 1st Annual Winter Dirt Games Nationals on February 21. Tyler Frankenberry (Mid-Atlantic West Champion), Seth Ball (North Texas STARS Racing Series), Danny Morrison, Jr. (NCRA Champion), Jason Masengarb (Heartland East Champion), Dillon Raffurty (Heartland West Champion and Open Wheel National Champion), Willie McFarland (Great Lakes Indiana Champion), John Pitts (Tennessee Mod Lite Champion), Alan Knepper (Mid West National Champion), Jimmy May (Corn Belt National Champion), Corey Babbit (Texas Grand National Champion), Charlie Brown (MADCRA Champion), Jason Threthway (Sunbelt Florida Champion) and Randy Bryan (Mod Lite STARS Racer of the Year), will face plenty of stiff competition.

The fun will start on February 19 and 20 with a pair of 20 lap preliminaries, each paying \$500 to the winner, \$180 for fifth, \$100 for tenth, and \$75 to start. The finale event of February 21<sup>st</sup> will go for 25 laps, and the winner will take home a cool grand, along with the bragging rights. The big go will have an enhanced payoff all the way through the field, with \$350 going to the fifth place runner, and \$275 for the racer who cracks the top ten. Every starter in the 24 car field will earn at least \$100.

An open practice session, pre-registration, and tech will take place on February 18<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of February 22<sup>nd</sup>..

The overall champion will leave the sunshine state with another \$300. The entire point fund, based on a 24 car field, will be \$1,425. There will be a one-time entry fee of \$100, payable at the track.

Hoosier Tires will support the program, with free tires going to several of the competitors. Negotiations are underway to obtain even more contingencies.

All cars must meet the 2015 Mod Lite STARS rules. Tire rules will Hoosier Dirt Bozz Style tread pattern "V" non plated, Hoosier Racing Tires sanctioning body STARS and TUSA plated tires 40-durometer minimum before the race will remain in effect. Race tracks will choose their provisional first. If the track doesn't take a provisional then Modified Lite STARS Tour will use both provisionals in keeping with the 24 car starting field. Modified Lite STARS Tour provisional will be chosen from the points list for 2015, with the exception of the first night which will be taken from the final 2014 Modified Lite STARS Tour points.

The BILSTEIN Modified Lite STARS International Championship Tour is a non-profit organization formed to fill a void and restore much-needed stability to the brand of mod-lite racing. 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 program, 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, North East Modified Lites, Knepper ATV Repair, EVO Race Cars, TRU Wheels, New Augusta Auto Services, and Hoosier Racing Tire.

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