



RACE TIRES AMERICA PROPOSES

DECLARATION IN FAVOR OF COMPETITION

WE DECLARE THAT FOR THE PROMOTION AND BETTERMENT OF COMPETITION, AND ALL THAT IT STANDS FOR IN THE USA, WE SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Spec tire or track tire rules will be established based upon enforceable, objective requirements for tires to be used at all dirt motor sports events. Such requirements shall be based upon actual tire size dimensions, tread hardness, and other non-manufacturer specific criteria.**
- 2. Rules for all dirt racing events shall, without discrimination, permit any tire manufacturer whose products meet the objective tire requirements to provide tires for such events. Sanctioning companies, promoters and track owners will not establish any rule, policy, or practice mandating or providing for the use of a single manufacturer's tire.**
- 3. Sanctioning companies, race promoters, and track owners, as applicable, will independently establish non-discriminatory compensation rates for any and all tire suppliers who supply race tires meeting the objective requirements, which will provide compensation to the sanctioning company, promoters and their affiliated tracks for purposes of offsetting the cost of driver point funds and driver amenities. In each event, the compensation rates shall be in proportion to each supplier's share of actual tire sales to racers and not on a lump sum or flat fee basis.**
- 4. Tire suppliers will make reasonable and appropriate changes to operations and their race tire distribution network to provide adequate inventories and company representation at dirt racing events.**

The single tire, single manufacturer formula used so long ago in establishing spec tire rules was instrumental in allowing racers to achieve a level of competitive parity on the track. However, that model has evolved into a scheme allowing a single manufacturer to capture and monopolize the market for dirt race tires. It is time to recognize that the original objectives of spec tire rules can be achieved without creating monopolistic power in a single supplier by allowing any qualified tire supplier to sell its product to racers at dirt racing events, and by letting the racers make the choice based on quality, performance, price and personal preference.

