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## 2014 INFORMATIONAL SHEET

**Question:** How do I contact RUSH?

**Answer:** To contact RUSH, you may call 724-964-9300 or e-mail [info@rushracingseries.com](mailto:info@rushracingseries.com). The complete contact information and other important information is located on our website at [www.rushsportsmanmods.com](http://www.rushsportsmanmods.com)

**Question:** Am I eligible to compete in the RUSH Sportsman Modified Series?

**Answer:** Drivers will be ineligible to compete in the RUSH Sportsman Modified division if any one of the following applies:

- Driver is a full-time competitor in Big-Block Modified, 358 Modified, or any other headlining division (410 Sprints or Super Late Models).
- Driver is a top 5 point finisher in Big-Block Modified, 358 Modified, or any other headlining division in the past 2 seasons.
- Driver is a feature winner in Big-Block Modifieds or any other headlining division in the past 2 seasons.
- Driver moves up to compete with Big-Block or 358 Modified class with Sportsman-legal car on the same night the Sportsman Modified class is in competition.

*Final driver eligibility to be determined by RUSH Officials to ensure the intent, growth, and stability of the RUSH Sportsman Modified Division.*

**Question:** Where can I find a rulebook for the RUSH Sportsman Modifieds?

**Answer:** The complete rulebook is available on our website under Rules at [www.rushsportsmanmods.com](http://www.rushsportsmanmods.com).

**Question:** Do I have to be a member of RUSH to compete?

**Answer:** No. Any eligible racer is permitted to compete in a RUSH-sanctioned event providing their car meets all of the specifications found within the RUSH rulebook. You must only be a member if you wish to be eligible for point fund(s) and/or any other membership benefits. The \$125 membership also includes a \$100,000 excess medical benefit policy, which is in excess to driver's personal health insurance and track's participant accident policy.

**Question:** What are the specifications of the RUSH point fund?

**Answer:** A \$10,000 guaranteed point fund has been posted for RUSH members. Points will be awarded only at RUSH-sanctioned events. Details of point fund formatting will be released upon completion of 2014 RUSH Sportsman Modified track schedules. A system that is in the best interest of all participating racers will be created with the goal to eventually grow into separate Weekly, Touring, and Futures Cup point funds, which have all proven successful in the RUSH Late Model division.

## **ENGINES/TIRES/WHEELS/SHOCKS:**

**Question:** Where do I purchase a GM 602 engine and what is the cost?

**Answer:** Although the GM 602 engine is available throughout the country at GM performance outlets, we sincerely ask that you solicit and support Pace Performance (a division of Sweeney Chevrolet Buick GMC) as they have immediately stepped forward to sponsor this division throughout our region. See engine link on our website to order engine directly from Pace for \$3,149 and view engine dress out kit information. Contact Pace Performance at 888-748-4655 or [www.paceperformance.com](http://www.paceperformance.com)

**Question:** Does my "602 crate" need a RUSH seal before competing?

**Answer:** No. A RUSH seal will only be installed after an *approved* repair has been made. The original *UNALTERED* GM sealing bolts are legal, unless a repair has been made.

**Question:** What does a competitor have to do to maintain a legal engine in the RUSH Sportsman Modified division?

**Answer:** There are several answers to that question. If you have a motor that is not new then the motor needs to have to appropriate RUSH or DIRTcar seals. Only a RUSH-authorized repair outlet can conduct the sealing process. The authorized repair outlets will be listed on the RUSH Sportsman Modified website on or before Nov. 30, 2013.

**Question:** When can a motor be sealed?

**Answer:** Only after a motor has an "approved repair". To gain approval, the RUSH Office must be contacted by the authorized repair outlet and the repair must be approved. Only motors that have approval for repair will be resealed.

**Question:** Do I need to take my motor somewhere to have it sealed?

**Answer:** Motor needing repaired may only be taken to a RUSH-authorized repair outlet to be sealed.

**Question:** I think I'm having a problem with my GM crate motor. What do I do first?

**Answer:** Read Engine Section 1.1F in the rulebook. Contact a RUSH-authorized repair outlet of your choice to discuss your motor's problem.

**BEFORE REMOVING ANY OF THE GM SEALING BOLTS,** contact the RUSH Office.

**Question:** Can my crate motor be rebuilt?

**Answer:** NO! "Rebuilds" will not be permitted! Only *REPAIRS* will be permitted with approval from the RUSH Office.

**Question:** If I have a repair made, what do I have to show to speedway officials that my motor has been RUSH-approved?

**Answer:** The RUSH or DIRTcar seal will suffice, as detailed records of the engine repairs are maintained by both the RUSH Office and the RUSH authorized repair outlet. Details include repairs that were made, seal serial numbers & locations, engine serial numbers, and date of manufacturer. It is highly recommended that copies of your repair paperwork should go wherever the motor goes to give the speedway tech official if requested. If the engine sold/transferred, the paperwork should go with the motor.

**Question:** If my motor has been officially sealed with either a RUSH or DIRTcar seal, does this mean I'm exempt from any technical inspections at the track I race at?

**Answer:** No. You will be subjected to the same technical procedures as all of the other competitors.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE: ANY VIOLATIONS FOUND CONCERNING ANY TAMPERING WITH THE STOCK GM SEALING BOLTS, OR APPROVED RUSH OR DIRTCAR SEALS, IS SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE PENALTY AND/OR UP TO ONE (CALENDAR) YEAR SUSPENSION FROM ANY RUSH-SANCTIONED EVENT OR TRACK. MULTIPLE INFRACTIONS MAY RESULT IN AN INDEFINATE SUSPENSION

AS A DRIVER, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR EQUIPMENT. THE DRIVR WILL BE SUSPENDED (NOT THE OWNER) BE SURE TO KNOW YOUR EQUIPMENT BEFORE YOU RACE IT.

**Question:** Where do I purchase the spec Hoosier Tires required and what is the cost?

**Answer:** The required Hoosier Tires will be available throughout the region at all Hoosier Tire Distributors. Tires will be sold for approximately \$150. The list of distributors will be listed on the website. Tires will be the same price for all racers with no special tire "deals" available.

**Question:** Why are you requiring steel wheels?

**Answer:** Steel wheels are considerably less than aluminum wheels (approximately \$100 per wheel less), and our goal is to stay aligned with DIRTcar in order to allow our participants to be able to also easily compete at DIRTcar events.

**Question:** Where do I purchase the Bilstein "sealed" shock absorber that is required and what is the cost?

**Answer:** The shocks will be available initially at Precise Racing Products (Sarver, PA) prior to the beginning of the race season. Other Bilstein "sealed" shock distributors will be determined in the near future and listed on the RUSH website. Each shock will be sold for \$135 with no "deals".

### **SCHEDULE INFORMATION:**

A tentative schedule of events for the Sweeney Chevrolet Buick GMC RUSH Sportsman Modifieds is expected to be released by January 1 as speedways will begin to coordinate their schedules in the near future. It will be our goal to try, if possible, to give RUSH Sportsman Modified racers the opportunity to race weekly beginning near the end of April 2014.

Through the cooperation of Lernerville, Sharon, and Pittsburgh (approximately 6 events each), bi-weekly shows at America's Motorsports Park, along with additional events venues such as Bradford, McKean County, Raceway 7 and Roaring Knob it is expected that 30-35 events will be scheduled. Other speedways have also been contacted and are expected to participate, which could boost the number of events.

Note: the schedule of events that will be presented should not be considered a Touring schedule, but simply a listing of event dates that will allow participating drivers to compete.

Drivers will be able to compete at any RUSH-sanctioned event (weekly or touring) to accumulate points toward the \$10,000 posted point fund. Drivers will utilize their best finishes out of a determined number of events (example 10) to compete for the championship point funds. The number of events will be released prior to the start of the 2014 season.