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Dear RUSH Sportsman Modified Driver/Owner:

With our first event scheduled for this Saturday (June 20) at Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway, we wanted to take a moment and update you from our Series perspective.

First and foremost we hope you and your family have stayed safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. With the season already 35% lost and still not 100% certain how the remainder of 2020 will look, we felt it was necessary to provide this update. This has obviously been a challenging situation for all of us. The worst part throughout this entire process has been the unknown. None of us from the Series, to the tracks, to you the racers have known when and how racing will resume. To complicate matters from our perspective, we are dealing with tracks located in different states- with each track having their own unique situations concerning the pandemic.

During the 21 years we have been involved in the motorsports industry, we've always done what we've promised and never have regressed- continuously enhancing our championship programs. In fact, we were gearing up for our richest season in Series history as we were planning on increasing our Hovis Auto & Truck Supply Weekly Series Championship by 36% in addition to the Wedge Motorsports Route 7 Rumble Series with Raceway 7 & Sharon Speedway.

The COVID-19 crisis is something that we, nor any of our partners, have ever experienced or could have planned for. The economic impact is far reaching for all concerned and won't go away in the near future even if things start to get back to "normal". This has obviously caused financial distress for our track promoters, marketing partners, vendors, which results in a trickle-down effect for RUSH. We also know this pandemic has affected many of your own situations as well.

**So with that said due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will have the following 20-position paying minimum Weekly Series point fund providing nothing major happens over the remainder of the season:** 1. \$2,000 2. \$1,000 3. \$750 4. \$500 5. \$450 6. \$400 7. \$350 8. \$300 9. \$275 10. \$250 11. \$240 12. \$230 13. \$220 14. \$210 15. \$200 16. \$190 17. \$180 18. \$170 19. \$160 20. \$150.

**And the following will be the "Route 7 Rumble" Series point fund for all races at Raceway 7 & Sharon Speedway in 2020:** 1. \$500 2. \$300 3. \$200 4. \$150 5. \$100 6. \$75 7. \$60 8. \$50. These combined point funds will be very close to what was paid out in last year's Weekly Series point fund.

**We will reduce the number of best point finishes from 12 to 10.** If the outlook would happen to drastically change, we will provide an additional update in the future.

**This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic that put everything on hold for three months, our Manufacturers Night prizes will be added to the Weekly Series Championship meaning in addition to the point fund monies, each member driver\* will receive a product valued at a minimum of \$300 with many being substantially more in value.**

The Champion will have first pick amongst the Manufacturers prizes and so on down the line. If we are able to obtain more than 20 prizes drivers further down in the points will receive a prize. We believe we can still salvage several thousands of dollars in product from our tremendous corporate marketing partners to distribute in this respect. ***\*We will reset everyone's Manufacturers Night eligibility; however, any driver that competes in a non-RUSH 602 Sportsman event in western PA/eastern Ohio on the same night as a RUSH-sanctioned 602 Sportsman event for the remainder of 2020 will become ineligible to receive a Manufacturers product at year end.***

**Due to losing some events and the above challenges, we will NOT have a Tour point fund in 2020. This will not change any of the end of the year special paying events that are expected to take place.** Those that joined Touring will receive their \$100 back on the year end point fund check.

We will still however award a Futures Cup Championship for those eligible racers.

While membership is not mandatory, you do need to be a member to be eligible for these point funds and the Manufacturers product giveaways this year. Membership also gives you \$100,000 in excess participant accident insurance over and above your own health insurance and track's participant accident policy. The Membership Form is available on our website or directly at the following link <https://www.rushsportsmanmods.com/memberships.html>

Know that we have contacted all of our sanctioned speedways to discuss the situation and all are in full agreement with these thoughts. It is very difficult to take a step back this season, as over the past 14 years we have continuously grown the RUSH Racing Series into one of the richest and most respected Chevrolet Performance Crate Engine Racing Series in the country! We have no doubt we can reset and come back as strong as ever in 2021 with all of the exciting RUSH Sportsman Modified programs we previously had in place for 2020.

As always we are in our office daily. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact our office.

We look forward to seeing you at a race soon.

Sincerely,

Vicki Emig & Mike Leone