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## **2018 INFORMATIONAL SHEET**

### **Weekly Series Championship:**

- **Point Fund (\$11,125):** 1. \$3,000 2. \$1,500 3. \$1,000 4. \$750 5. \$600 6. \$500 7. \$400 8. \$350 9. \$325 10. \$300 11. \$270 12. \$265 13. \$260 14. \$255 15. \$250. 16. \$240 17. \$230 18. \$220 19. \$210 20. \$200
- Member Drivers accumulate best 12 finishes throughout the 2017 season at all RUSH-sanctioned events

### **Touring Series Championship**

- 7 events with higher purse structures (\$600-\$800 to-win)
- Separate point fund for member racers TBA based on participation & number of completed events.

### **"Futures Cup":**

- Point Fund TBA based on participation level
- Showcases the extremely large base of exceptionally talented teenage racers that compete the Northern Region by giving them their own championship to achieve
- These young drivers are also eligible to accumulate in the above three programs
- To be eligible, driver must be under 20 years of age, be a member, have no headlining division experience, and not be a previous Futures Cup Champion. Drivers 18 & 19 cannot have more than one full season of Crate Late Model experience (full season = 8 events or more).
- Points are awarded using "Weekly Series" points plus possible stand-alone Futures Cup events

### **"Manufactures Night":**

- Random drawing of prizes for all competing racers. In 2014, over \$5,000 of contingency prizes was given away at Lernerville Speedway. The event grew to over \$11,000 of contingency prizes in 2015 at Sportsman's Speedway, went to over \$17,00 in 2016 at Sharon Speedway and increased to a record \$19,000 in 2017.

## **Member Driver Insurance Benefits:**

- A RUSH member driver insurance package that includes an **additional \$100,000 of participant accident coverage**. RUSH insurance benefits will cover the member driver after the tracks participant accident limit and driver's individual health insurance benefits are exhausted. Policy period is 1/1/18-1/1/19; however, coverage does not begin until membership is completed and paid.
- Opportunity to purchase a second layer off participant accident coverage in the amount of \$500,000 for only \$279 per year.

## **Participating Speedways:**

- **Sharon Speedway** (Hartford, OH) will run the RUSH Sportsman Modifieds on a weekly basis on Saturday nights. Sharon's payoff is \$350 to-win, \$60 to-start for 10-23 cars. Sharon has added a higher payoff structure of \$500 to-win, \$75 to-start for 24 or more cars. Sharon will also run a non-qualifier event if 32 or more cars are present. The complete payoff posted on their website under Driver Info then Purses ([www.sharonspeedway.com](http://www.sharonspeedway.com)).
- In addition, Expo Speedway (Cortland, OH), Lernerville Speedway (Sarver, PA), Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway (Imperial, PA), and Tri-City Raceway Park (Franklin, PA) will also have events in 2018. Additional speedways are possibilities.

## **Rules Package & Technical Support:**

- A proven rules package, along with strong technical support from RUSH. RUSH Tech Officials are equipped with the knowledge, technical tools and equipment that are needed to enforce and implement a strong consistent rules package that is critical to a successful crate motored racing series. Rules available on the RUSH Sportsman Modified website under Rules <https://rushsportsmanmods.com/rules.html>
- A 24-hour technical hotline to assist in resolving any technical issues.
- A group of authorized engine rebuilders that are contracted through RUSH that are authorized to repair or rebuild Chevrolet Performance 602 Circle Track Engines. Annual offseason authorized rebuilder seminar is mandated.
- Sanctioned Speedway Promoters offered access to data and information, through the RUSH corporate office, for RUSH seals that have been issued for repaired/rebuilt engines.
- Series Technical Official "unannounced " visits
- Offseason Technical Seminars for Speedway Officials to help educate and assist speedways and competitors to fully understand and be able to properly interpret and implement RUSH technical rules package.
- RUSH and Hoosier Tire distributors will work together to ensure that the required Hoosier tires are sold throughout the region at the same price to each racer, with no "special" tire deals available.

## **Administrative Assistance:**

- A full-time, year-round office staffed with experienced personal to assist drivers and sanctioned speedways.
- A professional website that all regional speedways and competitors can utilize for up-to-date information; i.e. rules, points, schedules, memberships, etc.
- A full-time public relations person to assist tracks and their competitors in receiving national, regional, and local exposure. A weekly recap press release highlighting all RUSH-sanctioned speedway's results and upcoming events.
- Sanctioned speedways and drivers promoted via all social media outlets, i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- The RUSH Series and its drivers via individual stories annually receive a tremendous amount of exposure in some of the country's most renowned racing publications.

**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 (see eligibility rules in the 2018 Technical Rules) 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.

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

**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 \$3,690 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/rebuild facilities are listed on our website under the Engines/Tires link.

**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/rebuilt outlet of your choice to discuss your motor's problem.

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

**Question:** If I have a rebuild or 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/rebuild 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 DRIVER & OWNER WILL BE SUSPENDED. 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 is posted on our website under the Engines/Tires link. 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).

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

**Answer:** The shocks are available at Precise Racing Products (Sarver, PA) in addition to other suppliers such as Wedge Motorsports (Warren, OH). Each shock will be sold for \$135 with no "deals".

**Question:** Can I run any fuel in my car?

**Answer:** NO. Only RUSH 91 pump gas is legal for competition. Additives and/or blending of any type including; methanol, alcohol, nitrous oxide, propylene oxide, nitromethane or other performance enhancing chemical additives will not be permitted. Fuel may be tested from time-to-time and/or submitted for verification by designated RUSH Racing Series and/or Track Officials to Sunoco Race Fuels. **It is the racer's responsibility to know what he or she is putting in the fuel cell.**

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