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Subject: Rule changes in 2.6 Diesel 4WD Truck class

FROM: Doug Roberts, OTTPA President

TO: OTTPA Competitors

I have been getting some calls from different competitors in the 2.6 Diesel 4WD class about the open driveline rules. Outlaws made the decision to allow open driveline (rear end, drop box, transmission) in this class starting in 2016. We made this decision during the summer as we saw truck after truck break at our events. Outlaws just started offering this 2.6 Diesel 4WD Truck class 3 years ago and the numbers of vehicles at events really improved this year with the change of allowing the dual wheels trucks to compete. But just as I feared would happen the breakage increased with the dual wheels. Outlaws original plans was to have the 2.6 class with single wheels to take a load off the driveline and then in the future offer the dual wheel class with the 3.0 turbo and open driveline. With Outlaws having so many double event weekends we could have a diesel truck class at different events on the same weekend and then bring them both together at the bigger events. With a distinct difference in the two classes there would have been good information for the announcer to talk about and the crowd to relate too. With low vehicles numbers that just didn't work out for us. Now the 2.6 class and 3.0 class will look the same and not sure if we add that class in the future. All associations seen a decline in vehicle count this year in the 2.6 class in our area with all this breakage. It started for us at the Western Farm Show with a good short track as only 1 truck spun out and only two of the 6 made it down the track. With all the rain this year we had extremely good tracks and that compounded the problem along with the dual wheels. With Outlaws having so many 2 and 3 day events along with 2, 3 and 4 day sweeps we just could not keep the trucks on the tracks and it was not fair to our promoters at the tail end of these sweeps and multi-day events. Talking to a lot of our competitors in this class this past summer the open driveline rule will not be a competitive advantage except in the breakage department. With that said competitors that do not change to open driveline rules are still welcome and will have just as good of a chance to win. But the 5 or 6 that wanted to run for points this year and could not make it work with all the breakage can now make changes to make their trucks more reliable for next year as they pursue an OTTPA Championship. A lot of the pullers that have called wanted to get started on the new open driveline setup as soon as possible so that is why a decision was made at this time. I want to thank all the different competitors for their input on these changes. This is a very popular class with our fans and it was great to see our vehicle count at events this year more than double and I look for that trend to do the same again in 2016. The 2016 class purse now is \$2500 paying out 10 places at \$600 - \$475 - \$350 - \$250 - \$200 - \$175 - \$150 - \$125 - \$100 - \$75. We will have a few events in 2016 with the raised purse of \$3500 paying out 10 places at \$800 - \$650 - \$500 - \$400 - \$325 - \$250 - \$200 - \$150 - \$125 - \$100. If we see a gain in vehicles in 2016 as we did this year the raised purse will be the minimum purse starting in 2017.

Thanks, Doug

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