

FEEDBACK: VOTING RULES 2014

Thank you very much for all the members that took some time and voted for the proposed rule changes for 2014. Currently we have 55 registered SARDA Off-Road Electric members. We received a total of 30 ballots thus giving us a 55% response rate.

As stated before I think these rules have all been proposed to help grow our discipline and some proposals is also to try and make racing a bit cheaper for everybody. By putting the voting directly to all the members we tried to give everybody a change to have their say. For those members that did not vote we hope that you all will accept the new rules that will be implemented for 2014.

Yes, it has been a long process but I think it was required to blow some new life into our discipline. I hope we can grow our numbers in 2014 and enjoy some competitive racing that will be enjoyed by all.

- The first item was to vote for what type of award you as members want to receive at the Nationals. Trophies received the most votes followed by the perspex plaques. The Committee will decide on the way forward, but maybe a combination of the two can work.
- Item 2 – Mains: Yes, for the proposed rule as this rule was supported by 77% of the members.
- Item 3 – Qualifying: Yes, for the proposed rule as this rule was supported by 67% of the members.
- Item 4 – Official Practice: Yes, for the proposed rule to close the track on the Friday as determined by the Host Club. 77% of the members supported this rule.
- Item 5 – Limit set of tires: Yes, for the proposed rule as the rule was supported by 63% of the members.
- Item 6 – Marshalling: No, for the proposed rule to marshal ourselves. Thus the current rule will stand that a dedicated marshal system may be used by the Host Club.
- Item 7 – Speed Controllers – “blinky mode” for all stock classes: Yes, for the proposed rule as the rule was supported by 53% of the members. We as the Committee will determine how we are going to implement. Please don't make a decision in anger if you did not support this rule. If you are planning to race any of the stock classes please forward me the details of the ESC you plan to race next year that we as the Committee can ensure that we start understanding the different makes of ESC.

- Item 8 – Entries required to run a Class: No, for the proposed rule to have a minimum of seven (7) entries to run a class at the Nationals.
- Item 9 – Spec Tires: A draw, 47% voted yes and 47% no with 6% that abstained. I still think this is a good idea to try to keep racing closer and try and make it a bit cheaper for all the members. The Committee will discuss and inform the members of the final decision as soon as possible.
- Item 10 – Spec Class: A draw, 43% voted yes and 43% no with 14% that abstained.
- Item 11 – 13.5T Stadium Trucks: This was an interesting result if we look at all the votes 47% voted yes, but if we take only the votes into the account of the members that are planning to race Stadium Trucks next year it is a whole different story. 78% voted no to run 13.5T motors, thus to be fair the current rules in terms of Stadium Trucks won't change. But again I think most members are in agreement that we need to reduce the amount of classes we run. Isn't it better to have 15 entries in one class than 5 entries over three classes?

What would the feeling be if the Committee decides that we use the first Nationals of the year to run a spec tires to see if it can work. We then have another vote at the event to see what the final decision will be?

If you have any comments, suggestions or queries please feel free to contact me on 082 568 5998 or pop me an e-mail to sfourie237@gmail.com

Racing Regards,

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