

Submission Title: Staging Requirements

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RULEBOOK REFERENCE:

1.4.21 Staging – Page 16

4.17.1 Burnouts – Page 234

RULE SUBMISSION INTENT:

A forward motion (of at least one vehicle/bike length after the engine is self-started) is to prevent a potentially broken vehicle/bike from being able to accept the win by actually being unable to make a run due to breakage etc.

Staging the vehicle/bike **should not be required** to be a winner of that round of racing. (as it is now)

Crossing the water box and not doing a burnout moves water onto the start line area, thus creating a potential problem for the next competitor.

The way the rule is now, if you do your normal routine prior to a run, you take the chance of breaking during the burnout or prior to staging. When this situation happens on your bye run, the next round of competition will have another bye run. Changing the rule will prevent this.

If the rule is changed, it entices the competitor to complete the normal routine and attempt a run (like normal), knowing that they are guaranteed to proceed onto the next round (because of the earned bye-run.)

This adds value for the spectators, as opposed to staging the car and shutting off. In situations where I and numerous other competitors have had a bye run (for various reasons), I have on several occasions simply started the car and staged with no burnout to accept the win.

I have not been willing to accept the risk of defeating myself by something mechanical happening to the car before staging and throwing away a sure win.

Doing this is not a cost saving reason but more like a smart way to race.

A change to this rule will eliminate this potential risk and competitors are more likely to attempt a full run.

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT:

On a scheduled bye run in eliminations only, the competing vehicle/bike in the hands of the starter need only self-start and move in a forward motion of at least one vehicle/bike length to receive the round win.

CLASSES AFFECTED:

All

Does this rule protect the safety of participants and spectators?

Yes, By not dragging water up to the start-line and preventing traction issues for the next competitor

Is this rule a positive step for the sport?

Yes , Because of the increased value to spectators if more than just staging is attempted.

Is the impact of the rule on other classes and brackets a positive one?

Yes, This would apply to and benefit ALL classes and competitors.

Does the rule ensure increased opportunity for even competition?

Yes , More than ever because when a bye run is available it should be earned , not achieved by default. Attempting a run on a bye will give a better indicator of the true performance of the entry.

Is the rule practical and enforceable?

Yes, Common sense would make this a natural progression in making it a better show., and really easy to police. There is always an ANDRA steward on the start line /fire up area.

Is the cost of complying with the rule reasonable for competitors?

Yes ,There is no cost at all.

