

Submission Title: Combined TF / FC class at events

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RULEBOOK REFERENCE:

(T/F) Top Fuel Class Regulations – Page 186

(F/C)Exhibition Nitro Funny Car Class Regulations – Page 185

Licence Testing – Page 62

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Championship Eliminators – Page 65

Non Championship Competition – Nitro Funny Car – Page 77

RULE SUBMISSION INTENT:

Due to low numbers of Top Fuel and Funny Car vehicles in Australia we are unable to progress the sport at our highest level. As Nitro is our unique point of difference we need to not only present a full field but do so in a way that creates rivalry and team support.

Merging Top Fuel and Funny Car championships on a limited time basis will provide a growth platform for both categories as sponsorship and following is sought for the sport.

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT:

A number of changes need to be made either in the Funny Car section itself:

3.18 – Delete references to exhibition and non-championship competition and insert “Funny Cars will take part in Nitro Eliminator. Funny Cars will be given a 0.30 second handicap advantage in racing, qualifying and lane choice.”

OR in general regs

2.10.1 – “Both vehicles receive the green at the same time (excepting Nitro Eliminator).”

Alter Top Fuel Eliminator to “Nitro Eliminator: Multi class bracket featuring nitro methane fuelled dragsters and funny cars. The bracket will consist of the quickest 3 to 8 cars from those qualified for Top Fuel and Funny Car, racing with a pro-start using a 0.30 second handicap for Funny Cars.”

Delete 2.13.4.

1.4.13.1 – Insert “For Nitro Eliminator, Funny Cars will be given a 0.30 second handicap advantage for the purposes of qualifying order and bracket seeding.”

1.4.15 – Insert “For Nitro Eliminator, Funny Cars will be given a 0.30 second handicap advantage for the purposes of lane choice.”

It is suggest this rule change be brought in for a limited time (two years) while ANDRA reinstate the Funny Car bracket and combine it with Top Fuel at ANDRA Championship rounds, with the bracket to be known as Nitro Eliminator.

CLASSES AFFECTED:

TF

FC

Does this rule protect the safety of participants and spectators?

No change.

Is this rule a positive step for the sport?

If we are to step up to the next level we need to present full fields and foster individual team and driver fan bases. More nitro cars at events is absolutely essential. In addition the rivalry between FC and Dragsters will spur additional spectators and reinvigorate old fans who have left our sport.

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

Yes, with the demise of Funny Cars from championship racing, loyal fans have also been left disenchanting by the loss. This will bring back those fans while giving both categories the opportunity to grow.

Does the rule ensure increased opportunity for even competition?

It is proposed a 0.30 second handicap advantage for Funny Cars be used to provide an even competition. It's crucial that both FC and Dragsters are perceived to have a fair and equal chance of winning an event.

Is the rule practical and enforceable?

Yes

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

No additional costs. It will boost the amount of nitro cars at events by drawing on an existing racer base.