

Submission Title: Rename Top Bike to Nitro Bike

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RULEBOOK REFERENCE:

Top Bike Class Regulations – Pages 171-175

RULE SUBMISSION INTENT:

As ANDRA has reconised, one of drag racing's marketing advantages and draw cards is the use of Nitro fuel. By using the name "Top Bike" it does not relay to the general spectator, that the majority of Top Bike use Nitro as a fuel. By renaming the bracket to "Nitro Bike" it better identify's to the public the use of Nitro as the fuel used.

With both Top Alcohol and Top door slammer using Alcohol as a fuel, but using "Top ----" as a bracket name, it greatly reduces the recognition that "Top bike" uses Nitro as a fuel.

An alternative could be "Top Fuel Bike" to align Nitro bike with Top Fuel. However with Nitro Funny car and if it was decided to have Nitro Bike, possibly renaming Top Fuel to Nitro rail would be appropriate. After all, what is "Top Fuel"? Does that means that it is 92 octane rather than V8 super car E85?

This term may be even more in align with the public today, however our survey conducted at the Winternationals came up with Top Fuel Bike as the most popular answer. However all respondents felt that the name needed to change to better recognise the use of Nitro fuel.

If the name change was to Top Fuel Bike this also aligns the name of the bracket with the name used both in Europe and America. In Europe many turbo and nitrous bikes run in the bracket at times (sometime half the field) and no issues with the use of Top Fuel Bike.

PROPOSED ADMENDMENT:

To rename Top Bike to Nitro Bike

CLASSES AFFECTED:

Top Bike / Comp Bike

Does this rule protect the safety of participants and spectators?

No Change - Safety to participants and spectators is unchanged.

Is this rule a positive step for the sport?

YES - This name change would better market drag racing to the public fostering a growth in the sport.

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

YES - It is unlikely to have any impact on other classes other than to increase spectator Numbers. Who does it affect adversely, No one

Does the rule ensure increased opportunity for even competition?

No Change

Is the rule practical and enforceable?

YES - while the name could be changed immediately, rulebooks etc could remain until reprinting was required.

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

YES - There is only minimal additional cost to competitors in having signage and logbooks changed to the new classes.