

## ***Submission Title: No record setting in Grp2 Qualifying***

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RULE SUBMISSION INTENT:

My name is Robert Maggs I have been involved in the sport of drag racing for some 31 years, beginning as many do with a hot street car which evolved into something too radical for the street and elected to then try my hand at championship racing with some success the high points of which are winning the 1995 NATIONALS , runner up at the 1996 NATIONALS in Super Sedan and Co crew chief with my wife Susan having both our sons racing in Junior Dragster at the 1998 NATIONALS finals with Jason winning and our younger son Brendan runner up and 1998 JUNIOR TITLES at WILLOWBANK Raceway both our sons in the finals again but reversing the order with Brendan wining on that occasion and Jason runner up .

I am currently crew chief on our 2007 Corvette competing in COMPETITION ELIMINATOR , a bracket we have competed in now for approximately 10 years with some success , but always with a passion for the bracket .

This proposal has but one overriding driving factor and that is to improve the show for the spectators, as without them none of what we love to do would exist. It is not as I have heard on a couple of occasions to preserve our or anyone else's index but to simply improve the show.

I for one fully understand that everyone at some point achieves an advantage over the other competitors through hard work and research and application of that knowledge, should a competitor be expected to readily give up some hard won advantage personally I do not think so otherwise why try to advance as it will be stripped away as soon as it happens rather let the competition sort it out as it should during rounds of racing.

If it is felt that every competitor should be equal and 0.5 under the index then perhaps we should all just race stock VN commodores and then we would all be in the same boat , but a rather boring one.

One thing that became apparent with my many discussions with very many racers was the continuous theme that **"sure records should be reset, just not mine"**. A proponent whom has stated that every ones records should be reset , we raced in a final where he had the opportunity to reset his own record did not lifted and ran over his record cut off point , when I asked about that he stated that no way was he going to reset his.

It is the element of the unknown and the unpredictable that makes our sport exiting to watch , not always does the faster car win.

**PROPOSED ADMENDMENT:**

No record setting component in qualifying for all group 2 classes.

**CLASSES AFFECTED:**

All Group 2 classes.

**Does this rule protect the safety of participants and spectators?**

Yes, it should improve the safety for both as it allows the competitor to develop their tune-up through the finish line without penalty and without the pressure of elimination rounds affecting their judgement.

**Is this rule a positive step for the sport?**

Yes I believe very strongly that it is as it will improve the qualifying show for the spectator beyond measure.

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

I will answer this on several points

A- I believe it to be a positive step and detrimental to no one ( fast cars will always be fast ) Records will still be reset , but where they should be reset - in competition . ( this approach is applied in competition eliminator in N H R A with great success , and they have many hundreds of vehicles , where here we have far fewer )

B- Racers may still choose to play their cards close to their chest and keep the competition guessing .

C- Presently most racers choose to shut off early in qualifying to prevent resetting a record first round , resulting in a poor qualifying show through necessity due to the present rule.

D- Smart racers will always find a way to use the rules to the utmost.

**Does the rule ensure increased opportunity for even competition?**

Further I do strongly believe that this rule proposal if in your wisdom to implement it will serve to bring many good things to the sport , a better show for the spectators , a better indicator of who runs where in the field which intern enables their opponent to work out better strategies during competition . Also rules will not make a slow car fast , smart racers will always come to the fore , further a point perhaps for future consideration give top qualifier 25 points with no input and watch the show that group 2 puts on then , something that has been missing for some time now.

**Is the rule practical and enforceable?**

Yes actually simpler

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

Zero cost , may well save them money as they will be able to properly develop their tune ups and combinations through the finish line outside of the pressure of elimination rounds where the pressure to bring on the win light can effect clearer judgement .

The folowing names are those of group 2 that I have discussed this with and those that support and do not support .

**SUPPORT;**

- Jason Maggs
- Wayne Keys
- Wayne Cartlidge
- Craig Geddis ( with reservation )
- Darren Parker
- Kevin Magner
- Nik KARANTONIS
- Les Heintz
- Daniel Camilleri
- Carlo Luisi
- Mick Simic
- Fred Soleiman
- Steve Norman
- Tony Cascoscio
- Enzo Demizio
- Shane Baxter

**Do not support**

- Mike Nola
- Corey Scholes
- Jim Ioannidis

Very many others none committal