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## **Birch Run Speedway 2018 Rules Update**

*Motor City Racing Promotions Hold Seats on Birch Run Speedway Rules Committee*

Rochester Hills, Michigan (Monday, November 27, 2017): The Birch Run Speedway & Event Center office staff has been hard at work since the final event of the pilot season for the new owners of the historic Speedway. The season ending event was an Eve of Destruction on Saturday, September 23rd. Though Eve of Destructions are expected to be a part of the Speedway's 2018 program, the primary focus thus far in the off season, has been the Birch Run Speedway House Divisions. The highly anticipated race schedule will feature Pro Late Models, Modifieds and Pure Stocks on a regular basis. Race fans of the Speedway in Birch Run, Michigan, formally known as Dixie Motor Speedway, have not seen weekly racing divisions compete regularly since the 2013 season.

Birch Run Speedway & Event Center General Manager, Mike Szukhent formed this committee in October to establish a technical rule book for racing competition at the track. The Birch Run Speedway Rules Committee is assembling rules for Outlaw Super Late Models at Birch Run, Pro Late Models, Modifieds, Pure Stocks and Eve of Destruction cars. "When sitting down to discuss rules modifications for Birch Run Speedway, I had our musts that needed to be accomplished." stated Mr. Szukhent. Each rule proposed must meet the following four principles: safety, affordability, level playing field and inclusivity.

Safety is intentionally recognized as the first principle. It is the top priority of Committee Members. "Safety, this is non-negotiable for us." Mike Szukhent prominently stated. "We want our drivers to be safe and to return home to their families after an event the same way they came to the track." he added. Race Teams can expect the 2018 Birch Run Speedway Technical Rule Book to feature several enhanced safety requirements. Head and neck restraint systems, fuel shut-offs and outdated safety equipment have all been focus points during the rules meetings.

A Birch Run Speedway Rules Committee spokesman reminded us that principle two, affordability, is being taken into consideration when establishing new safety and performance rules. Committee members understand different race teams have different budgets. The budget of a Pro Late Model team is likely to be substantially larger than that of a Pure Stock team. Rule makers strive to maintain the order of progression established with the three house divisions; the entry level Pure Stocks, progressing through Modifieds to the Late Model ranks.

"Along with being affordable, we want all drivers to compete based on their talents and not the amount of money they have behind them to make them better." noted Mr. Szukhent. Committee members are working to construct a rule package that creates a level playing field for all competitors. A prominent number of those committee members are Motor City Racing Promotions representatives. "We have a number of talented officials who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table." stated Motor City Racing Promotions President, Scott Menlen. "Many of us are former racers ourselves. That perspective is so crucial when dealing with matters such as this." added Mr. Menlen.

There are four pavement racetracks known to the region in which Birch Run Speedway lays. Auto City, Birch Run, Owosso and Whittemore Speedways are all within a 70 mile radius of each other. Birch Run Speedway General Manager, Mike Szukhent, explains the importance of rules that are inclusive opposed to exclusive, "We have three neighboring tracks and we could all use better car counts."

Mr. Szukhent went on to say, "We are proposing rules that will allow drivers to compete on each of our tracks without making major modifications to their vehicles and spending lots of time and money".

Official Technical Rules for Birch Run Speedway's House Divisions are expected to be published before the New Year. In addition to rules, officials have been working diligently on the 2018 racing and entertainment schedule. Fans can anticipate some big announcements to be made very soon regarding racing events at the historic Birch Run Speedway & Event Center.

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