

Dear Parents /Owners of J1000 cars

Please note 2 points regarding J1000 Technical regulations

### **Number 1**

We have had a number of enquiries relating to the suspension mounting points on the rear axles of VAG group cars. Specifically, regarding the installing of Xtrac suspension units.

We would like to draw your attention to the J1000 Technical Regulations and in particular to Section 9 where it clearly identifies the requirements and allowances in relation to Suspension. " 9.4 All suspension-mounting points **MUST** be kept in the same position as standard showroom specification, other than item 9.3 but **may be strengthened.** "

It clearly states that strengthening is allowed, and the scrutineering team accepts this as necessary but removal of the stock bracket to replace it with another modified version is not allowed.

Cars presented in Carlow and indeed at Technical Inspection appointments prior to Round 1 were checked and it was noticed that some of the cars using Xtrac struts had been mounted on the existing brackets. These brackets had been heated and shaped slightly to allow the strut to be mounted safely but had not cut any material. Some of these axles were sealed as being compliant.

We will not be changing the J1000 Technical Regulation in the short term.

Any and all amendments must go through a thorough consideration and approval process to ensure consistency and fairness for all participants.

### **Number 2**

Fuel testing will take place at the Moonraker Forest Rally on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Competitors are reminder of the requirements laid out in Appendix 2 28.2 with regard to fuel testing.

#### **28.2. Fuel.**

Petrol or Diesel in compliance with FIA Appendix J Art 252, Article 9. (Petrol Max 102 octane).

With the exception of cars competing in road going production category, cars competing in Motorsport Ireland speed events(Autocross, Rallycross, Rally sprints, Racing, Special Stage Rallying, Sprints and Hill Climbs)it must be possible to take a fuel sample. For fuel injected cars the facility must be a dry break fuel sampling coupling, approved by the FIA.

For all others an appropriate fitting to allow fuel sampling must be present. In addition competitors must carry and make available a 600mm minimum length of hose to which, where necessary, the appropriate mating part is to be attached.

Cars must have sufficient fuel for a fuel test at any time during an event.

Minimum volume required is 3.5 litres.

And, J1000 technical Regulations article 13.0 "Only commercially available pump fuel (petrol) will be permitted. Maximum of 98 Octane. Checks will be carried out on events as per App 2 28.2 "

Regards

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