

# PETITION AGAINST NEW RULES FIA

Since its early age, autocross has always been a sport allowing drivers to create and try different concepts, which makes this sport unique. Each driver are building their own concepts with the conviction that their car is the best among others. In the history of autocross we saw a lot of different cars with different engines.

For next season, the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), came up with some new rules that completely destroy our sport. Each new rule is leading drivers to spend a huge amount of money in a unuseful way. For example, one of the rules oblige everybody to drive with the same benzine, this means that all engines have to go back on a dyno, which cost a lot of money. However, until now, everybody always chose their own benzine (according to the specifications of the FIA) which is in their perception, the best for their engine. Also many drivers just use the benzine of a tankstation. The price of this benzine approximate 1.60 euro per liter, but the price of the one that all drivers have to drive with next year is nearly tree times more expensive, a significant change and let us be honest, completely ridiculous. Another consequence by this rule is that there are many drivers from different countries who just drive one or two races of the European championship on this moment, but they can not do this anymore, because they can not drive with their own benzine. In st Georges and st Igny are also many drivers for the French championship. They are not gonna change their benzine for just two races of the year because the FIA wants this. They drive the French championship, so the rules of the European championship are not important for them.

The new idea about the tyres is also almost impossible, because of the different concepts we see in our sport. Cars with more horsepowers have much more tyre wear than cars with less power. In rallycross for instance, this rule has already been introduced. They have much more weight then we have and these cars are all almost the same. So the masspower relation for these cars is equal, which makes this rule doable. But automobile sports are not all the same and in autocross this is not even imaginable. The FIA is always trying to make the sport as safe as possible, but with this rule in particular you are creating the complete opposite. Limiting the amount of tyres leads people to drive at the end of the weekend with almost no profile anymore on their tyres, which causes dangerous situations for example after the watering of the track or raining conditions. However, under these conditions, it is very important to drive with tyres with a good profile. Also in a weekend with heavy rain different tyres are needed. In our opinion this new rule is again a way for the FIA to earn money on the back of the drivers, and forget the most important, the safety for the drivers.

The new reglement of 2020 has been written including these rules. However, the fact is that these changes are not acceptable for a large amount of the drivers over the paddock. For the next season, a consequent quantity of people decided to go without participating to the european championship for the previous reasons. So all the organisers gonna lose a big amount of drivers and spectators, which causes that they lose a lot of income. This makes it not interesting anymore to organise an European autocross race.

With the hope that this petition will make you go back on your decisions,

Kind regards,

The European paddock of autocross