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Hello, my Friends in the sport,

This is the kick-off letter for the 2025 season in the 1/8 Buggy EFRA Section.

We are sooner than ever, but we need to do it this way because the 2025 season is going to be quite demanding and a busy one.

This letter will touch many topics, so please read it carefully.

Firstly, the Stage Reports for 2025. Please email those to me: eight.buggy@efra.ws with the EFRA Secretary: secretary@efra.ws in copy, before the end of December 2024. Please do not forget to include the standard tire choice recommendation for the events with no designated tire system in place.

Next is an important Section Chairman decision, after consultation with the EFRA Battery homologation official, I have decided to withdraw the allowance for the new HV charging limit for LIPO batteries, the charging limit will remain as the previous standard, 4.2 volt per cell or 16.8 total volts for a 4s battery – this has been done for risk reduction and safety as the main priority.

Another subject is tires, regarding tires for the season, the EFRA Masters 40+ at Herts, UK, will continue with a single designated complete wheel, rim, insert and tire, with exactly the same system used last year successfully in Germany.

In respect to the EFRA EC B in Gussago, Italy, we are going to use a DIFFERENT system. Each tire brand willing to have its product in use will designate a single commercial tread pattern with free choice of hardness/compound, insert and rim.

The number of sets (4 tires) to be marked will be 4 plus 1 extra, if needed, per bump-up achieved. Tires will be purchased at each brand/responsible distributor. To take part in the system each tire brand must contribute with a payment of €250 to help the event organisation and the implementation of this system. Drivers will contribute to the extra organising cost at registration and technical inspection with a figure (yet to be decided) but under 4 euros per set − To confirm, drivers will be able to change between brands during the event as they wish.

Next item is the event allocations for the various EFRA 8th Euros events. I have been pointed out a big demand of spots at certain countries, so most probably I must balance all confirmed requests via email before 21 of January and create waiting lists for some events. Consequently, enlist yourself with your National Federation in order to take part at a 2025 EFRA international events before 21 of January. Confirmed spot lists will be released at the beginning of February; the different starting places will be then available for confirmation at the EFRA web tool and not before.

Finally, I want to let you know that the new EFRA ranking system will be published early January 2025, so please pay attention to our EFRA Section news next month.

I hope this initial guideline letter will towards better Section development during the upcoming season.

Season Greetings, Yours in the Sport

Carlos Gomez EFRA Section Chairman 1/8 Buggy



