

Open Letter to BRCCC Members

As many of you are aware, trophies for Season 1 Mini class have been withheld pending an investigation.

Towards the end of season 1 a concern was brought to the committee's attention about the legality of some of the mini cars and the motor speedie combination in use.

Over the past 3-4 weeks the committee has conducted significant research and investigations to resolve the matter for season 1 and determine what will be allowed for season 2. Unfortunately, the discussions have impacted on every bodies racing for which we apologise.

Not all drivers involved were intentionally cheating and in part were caught out by variations in rules across clubs and even events. The rule variations are a result of not having a central ruling body for the Mini class such as AARCMCC, ROAR, etc.

However, this does not excuse members for not reading and abiding by club rules.

Specifically, section 3.12 on page 19.

For season 1, Mini drivers not complying with the BRCCC ESC and motor rules have been disqualified. This is the only fair outcome for those who have complied with class regulations.

Members should have approached the committee prior to season 1 with proposed regulation changes (supported with justification). In doing so, this may have resulted in a very different outcome.

The BRCCC now owns a Motor Analyser and will be testing all Mini Blue motors throughout season 2.

At Boronia, tampering with motors is specifically and clearly forbidden.

While the practise of 'shimming' may have been allowed elsewhere, no one has ever requested that the BRCCC rules be amended to accept motor shimming.

NB. It appears that shimming the blue motor has been commonplace outside of the BRCCC though never formally acknowledged and not sanctioned in any of the rules sets we examined. As a result, some Mini drivers who have purchased 2nd hand motors may be totally unaware that their motor is modified.

For season 2, the BRCCC Mini rules will be amended to allow a 60Amp ESC should the 35Amp version become unavailable. The current Blue motor can now be 'shimmed' provided the end result keeps the motor within agreed specifications. The replacement Black motor will not be allowed before 2018.

Over the last 5 years the BRCCC committee has had to deal with numerous situations arising from members not reading our Code of Conduct (CoC). Some have not returned to the club out of frustration simply because they did not read or understanding the points system and or rules we have in place.

So Please, please, do read our CoC and talk to the committee if anything is unclear.

None of the above is of a personal nature and certainly brings no joy to either members or the BRCCC committee. As the elected officials of the club we will always do our best to govern a fair and friendly radio-controlled car club.