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Dear ROAR Membership and Affiliates,

ROAR is dedicated to protecting its membership and enforcing and creating rules to help maintain continuity within the sport of radio control. During the development of an emerging 1/8th truck class ROAR and its members have endured many costly industry standard changes with regards to tires and wheels. ROAR, its membership and its affiliate hobby shop businesses can no longer afford these industry standard changes.

Beginning in 2008 ROAR sought out directives from its membership and class committee members to build the foundation of the future of the 1/8th truck division by applying rules to wheels and tires. ROAR's goals were simple; maintain a high level of performance and functionality by incorporating the latest style and diameter type while utilizing the basic frame work by which all other wheels and tires before were established and created. To do this, we agreed to utilize the products currently available on the market and readily on hand to the membership for hobby shop purchase. ROAR and its membership and its affiliate hobby shop businesses could no longer afford industry standard changes.

The beginning of 2009 brought a new year and new rules to the 1/8th truck class incorporating all the elements in question. During the early part of 2009 it was brought to the attention of ROAR that the rules in place simply were not clear enough as styling and non-functional design elements were being introduced that interfered with judging the structure and measures properly. Manufacturing tolerances were also an area of concern as some parts simply were so close to rules the intensions were quite obvious but actual measures created illegal parts. Additional details, drawings and special terms needed to be used to clarify specifically worded areas of the wheel. This has brought in the following terms to the ROAR rules: **Mounted width, Industry standard construction, Tolerance.**

It was determined at that time to temporarily lift the 2009 rules at the National event to be held in Joliet, Illinois to add the terminology necessary so all products could be judged in the same manner. This was done by announcement on the website in late January of 2009, in the 'news' section where all ROAR announcements are made. 2010 ROAR rules for this class will be as published in 2009 with the above mentioned terms added. Also, there will be diagrams provided to ROAR by all major wheel manufacturing companies for instant recognition of the product at sanctioned event technical inspection areas.

In 2010, ROAR will be using these new rules to help direct and protect the membership. In addition, ROAR is considering implementing a manufacturer submittal process and approval list that will be published on the ROAR website for reference to ensure a level playing field for each of our members participating in a ROAR sanctioned event.

Yours in ROAR –
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