Vintage Racer Group Tire Rules

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Tire Rules for Production Cars
(Inclusive of classes AP-IP, TA, TA2, BS, CS, DS, ASH, BSH, SR and Formula Vee)

- Tread as molded from tire OEM must extend across the tire.
- No post-manufacture grooving
- Circumferential grooves are allowed, only if the tire was manufactured with grooves across the tread pattern as well
- Hoosier R7 (or similar) not allowed, other than as below under “Noted Exceptions”
- Minimum 2/32nds of measurable tread

Tire Rules for Large Bore Sports-Racers (Inclusive of classes BM-DM, CA, ASR, BSR)

- Un-grooved Slick tires allowed for these classes

Tire Rules for Small Bore Sports-Racers (Inclusive of classes EM-HM, CSR, DSR)

- Tread must extend across the tire.
- Post-manufacture grooving is allowed, must extend across the tire
- Minimum 2/32nds of measurable tread

Tire Rules for FF/HF/CF/PCF

- Spec tires (Wet or Dry):
    - Avon
        Front: ACB9 5.0/22.0-13 A29 Compound 14297
        Rear: Avon ACB9 6.5/23.0-13 A29 Compound 14298
    - Hoosier
        Front: VFF 44165, 135/543-13
        Rear: Hoosier VFF 44170, 165/580-13
- No mixing of makes is allowed. Additional grooving or hand-cutting is not allowed.

Tire Rules for S2/VS2/HS2

- Un-grooved Slick tires are explicitly allowed for these classes only

Noted Exceptions:

1. Lotus Esprit X180R, BMW 3.0 CSL and Alfa Romeo 75 Turbo IMSA are exceptionally allowed on Hoosier R7 (or similar) as they raced on similar tires when they were competing in professional racing series.
2. Cars which race in the Lime Rock Toyo World Challenge are exceptionally allowed to use the spec Toyo (Proxes R) tire at other VRG events but may be moved to a different group or class.
3. Other invited race groups at VRG events ***may*** be allowed to use tires that do not comply with the above rules, by Event Chair exception in writing (email) **prior to the event**.
4. The owner/driver of any car that believes they should be granted exceptional status and allowed to use tires that are not compliant with the above rules should reach out to the VRG Eligibility committee at: vehicle_eligibility@VRGonline.org and/or the Event Chair of the particular event being considered. This communication should be a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the event being considered.

Compliance:

Cars racing on non-compliant tires, not in accordance with the above rules will be subject to any or all of the following (enforced by the VRG Eligibility Committee along with the Event Chair of the event):

- Dismissal from event
- Reclassification to another Class (including a special class to indicate noncompliant tires)
- Regrouping to another Race Group
- Notation in vehicle Logbook of noncompliant tires