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Press Release

The Norwegian Motorsport Federation (NMF) has due to recent battery explosions decided to stop temporary all racing and training with electric powered rc-cars. The stop of racing is decided to be until 1st January 2008.

NMF has immediately changed the National Rules for RC-car racing in accordance with EFRA's rules regarding batteries in every class. The decision of changing the national rules are basically made after a report from a national race 4th of November this year where three explosions of batteries were reported.

NMF has in the same decision stated that only batteries following the new EFRA-rules will be allowed. The used batteries must be on EFRA's list of approved batteries from 1st of April 2008.

NMF are recommending EFRA and commercial involved parts, to publish as soon as possible recommended batteries used for rc-car racing. We do hope that EFRA will accelerate the procedure of homologated and approved batteries. We will also recommend EFRA to publish those approved batteries at once they are approved, and continue to do that until they are finished approving batteries allowed to use in EFRA-races from 1st April 2008.

NMF hopes the first batteries following the new EFRA-rules, will be published and available for drivers, before 1st of January 2008. If not, we will still pause the racing until new recommended batteries are approved and available.

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