

# BILSTEIN MODIFIED LITE STARS NEWS

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## MODIFIED LITE STARS TEAM WITH YOSHIMURA SUZUKI OF AMERICA - GUHL MOTORS - BATZ for 2020

SOMERSET, PA (January 8, 2020) – Officials of the BILSTEIN Modified Lite STARS Championship Tour are pleased to announce the sponsorship with Yoshimura Suzuki of America for the 2020 racing season. Bill Bauer, President of Racing Operations, announced today that Yoshimura along with Guhl Motors and BATZ, will be working with the Series during the 2020 racing series establishing Yoshimura as your ‘go to’ Suzuki GSXR 1000 provider. Bauer stated; “We are very pleased to be working with Yoshimura with support from Guhl and BATZ”. “We’ve been working hard to establish a working relationship with the Motor Cycle Corporation industry, such as Yoshimura, to provide new engines to our drivers”.

Yoshimura is renowned for its Research and Development. But producing the finest exhaust systems in the world requires more than a big R&D department.



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We are kicking things off with Don Sakakura and Yoshimura staff during the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Nationals at Bubba Raceway Park. Yoshimura & BATZ staff will be on hand conducting durability testing with the 2020 GSXR 1000 engine. BATZ President, Troy Norton, will provide the Jokers Chassis powered by the GSXR engine and driven by California driver, Zack Forster. BATZ, headed by Troy Norton with Zack, will continue the durability testing during the first half of the Modified Lite STARS season. “We are hoping to have the results completed and finalized by June 2020, Bauer stated”. Since the 2020 GSXR 1000 engine is not an approved engine under the Mod Lite STARS 2020 rule book, the Yoshimura Suzuki mod lite will be authorized to compete for no points and purse payment.



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“Our market is based on the motor sports bike industry, which has been in the growth phase of its life cycle for more than 20 years. This industry as a whole is growing steadily, attracting many new drivers and race teams every year. This trend is attributed to the need for a more affordable way for racers to compete”, Bauer stated.

The Modified Lite STARS International Championship Tour is proudly supported by its major sponsors: BILSTEIN Shock Absorbers, Hoosier Race Tire, Aero Race Wheels, Winter Performance, RODEND Supply, Lawless Motorsports, Delaware Auto Exchange, Extreme Motorsports, Knepper ATV Repair, Evolution Chassis, Superior Race Cars, Sidewinder Chassis by SS Racing, Velocity Race Cars, Jokers Chassis Chaos Motorsports Edge Racing Chassis.

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