



2009 IHRA "NORTH STARS" SUMMIT TEAM FINALS

Pittsburgh Raceway Park
Sept. 24-27, 2009
(1/4 Mile)



The purpose of the IHRA Division 3 Summit Team Finals is to promote IHRA Drag Racing at member tracks on a local level and reward attendance with national recognition and competition. **This event will be run 1/4 in 2009, 1/8th mile in 2010, 1/4 in 2011 and 1/4 in 2012.**

- 1. DRIVER ELIGIBILITY** - Each participating track will keep a "points" system to determine the drivers who will represent their track. Each racer must be entered in the points program, as well as run at least (5) points meets, of the track he represents. No buy-in entries from racers not running at local track. Any track found using buy-in entries may be suspended for 1 year if so voted by participating Track Operators. The top five (5) points finishers in 2007 IHRA or NHRA World Championship standings are not eligible.
- 2. TEAM COMPOSITION** - Each team will consist of a total of 43 members. There is no entry limit for any class. This includes Juniors and Motorcycles (Snowmobiles). Each team will be allowed to bring two (2) alternates to the event. The alternates will be allowed to time trial, and enter the bonus race, even if no one scratches from the qualified team. If a team car breaks, and the team is full, the team must use the alternate. **No switching of team cars unless team consists of 35 or less members. Those 35 or less member teams (only) may replace up to a total of 5 vehicles. Vehicle that is used to replace the original broken car must be a street legal vehicle and be on the premises.** Each team will be issued 45 team code decals and each car competing must have a team code decal displayed on the right side of their vehicle next to their permanent car number. Each team captain must notify race director of car substitution.
- 3. TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP** - The Team Championship will be determined by a points system with one (1) point being awarded to the winner of each round. All run-off points count toward team totals. In the case of a tie, the team that had the competitor that went farthest in competition will be awarded the higher position. If there is still a tie, the best 'package' (from the last driver from the tied teams) will determine the winner. If there is still a tie, the team the finished the best the previous year will be the winner. Each team member of the winning team will be awarded a jacket. The winning track will receive a plaque at the IHRA Awards Banquet.
- 4. CREDENTIALS, MEMBERSHIP & LICENSING** - Each participant, including Juniors & Motorcycles, must be a current licensed member of IHRA. All racers, 9.99 & quicker in the 1/4 mile and 6.49 & quicker in the 1/8th mile, must have approved IHRA license. Forms will be provided to Track Operators. License runs will not be allowed at the Summit Team Finals. Participants and crew coming in after the posted gate closing time will have to have their credentials left in the overnight will call to gain admission when the gates are secured. Track operators or team members are responsible for setting this up in advance.
- 5. TRACK CODE & PERMANENT NUMBERS** - Each participant must have a track code properly displayed on the right side of their vehicle next to their competition number **and on the front window.** Permanent competition numbers must be displayed on the front, right side and rear of the vehicle. **Shoe polish allowed on substitute street legal vehicles.** IHRA will select the track code. The track may issue any number they choose, up to four digits.
- 6. TECH INSPECTION** - Tech inspection is the responsibility of each individual track. All vehicles will be inspected, in advance of the race, by and at the home track. The Track Operator will then issue a tech card to the participating racer. This tech card will serve as the racers' credential when registering at the racetrack. Random inspections will be performed by an IHRA official at the event.

7. **WRIST BANDS** – An IHRA official will install a colored band on the wrist of each person admitted through the track gate. Team members, alternates, team captains, track employees and crewmembers must wear the wristband at all times throughout the weekend.
8. **TEAM CAPTAIN** - Each track will provide a track owner/operator or manager to serve as Team Captain for their team at the Summit Team Finals. The team captain entering this race may not race on a regular basis. This is the only race in which the team captain may participate.
9. **RACERS** - No racer may represent more than one (1) track at the Team Finals. A racer may enter only one vehicle and one class at the event. Once a racer declares the team he/she wishes to represent, he/she may not change teams. Two drivers are not allowed to drive the same vehicle.
10. **JUNIOR RACE OF CHAMPIONS** – These drivers must be the actual track champions. No substitutions
11. **SUMMIT SUPERSERIES RUN OFF RACE** – Each participating track may enter 1 (one) track champion from “Box” and “No Box” class. This track champion will be the competitor in his class with the highest Summit SuperSeries ‘Performance Rating’. These drivers must be the actual “Track Points” leader at that point. No substitutions. Elimination pairings will be ladderred based on the best non-red reaction time from the designated time run. Lane choice will be determined by card pull.
12. **TRACK OPERATORS RACE** - Will be open to Team Captains of each participating track. The race will be run on Saturday and is limited to non-competition, licensed street legal vehicle, with DOT tires and mufflers. Vehicles may not dial in quicker than 12.00 (1/4) or 7.75 (1/8) mile. No Electronics of any kind are allowed.
13. **TIME TRIALS** - Time trials will be run in sessions by class. Do not come to the staging lanes until your class is called.
14. **ATV's & PIT BIKES** – A racecar permanent number must be displayed on all such vehicles. No Joy Riding Permitted. All riders must have a valid state drivers license. A Security person will be appointed to apprehend violators. Violators will lose one (or more) team point(s) for each violation, depending on severity of violation. No Skateboards, Go-Carts, Etc. allowed. Track Operators also share responsible to help enforce this rule.
15. **FIVE ELIMINATORS** - Will be run at the Bracket Finals:

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| TOP ET | (1/4 mile: 0 – 11.99; 1/8 mile: 0 – 7.99) |
| MODIFIED ET | (1/4 mile: 0 – 13.99; 1/8 mile: 0 to 9.09) |
| STREET | (1/4 mile 12.00 & Slower; 1/8 mile 7.50 & Slower) |
| MOTORCYCLE | (1/4 mile: 0 – 19.99; 1/8 mile - 0 to 13.99) |
| JR DRAGSTERS | (All Run) |
16. **ELECTRONICS** - Note: The penalty for intentional non-compliance will result in a five (5) point reduction for the team, and a one (1) year suspension from all competition for the racer.
 - a. **All Classes** – Stutter Boxes, Timed Down Track Throttle Stops, On-Board Computers, Data Recorders and Wheel Pickup Sensing Devices are prohibited.
 - b. **Top ET** - Delay boxes, trans brakes, two steps, and playback tachometers are allowed. Air throttles, used as launch control devices, are allowed. Factory (OEM) installed computers will be permitted, but lap top computers are not allowed while in competition.

- c. **Modified ET** - Delay boxes, air throttles are prohibited. Trans brakes, two steps and automated shifters are permitted.
 - d. **Street ET** - Delay boxes, air throttles, trans brakes, two steps are prohibited. Line Locks permitted in the burnout process only. Door cars only.
 - e. **Motorcycles** – Delay boxes or any delay device prohibited. Multi-functional electronic control devices containing a secondary delay feature permitted but the use of the delay feature is prohibited.
- 17. CHRISTMAS TREE** – The tree will be separated with a blinder, but the top bulbs will be exposed. Cones, with glare reduction covers, will be placed on all LED bulbs. Cross talk will NOT be used. **Blue autostart “racer notification bulb” will be in the tree and active.**
- 18. AUTOSTART** – AutoStart will be used to start races. Reaction times will be displayed .000. See the IHRA Rulebook for AutoStart setting parameters.
- 19. LANE CHOICE** - cars will be run two lanes at a time side by side. **Racers will enter odd numbered staging lanes to run in left lane or even numbered lanes for right lane. If there is only one lane of cars remaining, first car in the pair runs left lane, second car runs right lane.** When down to 16 cars or less in the final lane, shoe polish numbers will be put on cars and paired numerically until finished.
- 20. BYE RUNS** - Bye runs will be determined randomly by an IHRA tower official for the first round. The best reaction time from the previous round (for the following rounds) excluding breakouts, will determine the bye. If there is a tie, a coin toss will determine the bye selection. A racer can be selected for a bye run (assuming they don't get to actually use it) as long as they continue to earn it each round. Once a racer makes a bye run, he is not eligible again until everyone else left in the class has made a bye run. A new bye run will be selected every round. This takes precedent over the team rule. Note: If the racer selected for a Bye is mistakenly missed and runs in competition, the run will stand regardless of the outcome. The Bye run will receive lane choice.
- 21. TEAM MEMBER vs. TEAM MEMBER** - The Summit Team Finals is an event designed to promote team competition. Therefore, racers from the same team will not run each other, even in a run-off situation, unless they are the only ones left in competition. Circumstances such as the number of entries, track layout, pit parking or traffic conditions can make this difficult to accomplish. It is the tracks responsibility to help assure that racers from the same team do not run each other. If racers from the same team running each other should become the only alternative, the cars will run each other and the runs will stand. Note: the only exception to this is in a bye run situation.
- 22. TEAM PIT PARKING SELECTION** - Team parking will picked based on the order of finish from the year before. The number 1 finisher has first pick, number 2 has second pick, etc. This will take place at the Track Operators meeting on Monday following the event. If you are not present you will be assigned a spot based on where your team placed.
- 23. BONUS RACE** - Bonus Races will be run as long as weather and time permits. There will be one (1) bonus race and will start on Thursday for everyone except Juniors. Thursday morning will start with 2 time trial sessions and afterwards first round of the bonus race will begin. Friday morning we will have one time trial for everyone followed by the conclusion of the bonus race (1st round for Juniors). Time runs for those not participating in the bonus race will be permitted in between bonus rounds as time permits. The race will be named after winning team from previous year.
- 24. RACE PROCEDURE AND SAFETY RULES** - All IHRA Race Procedure and Safety Rules will be in effect unless stated otherwise in this agreement. Contestants should become familiar with the IHRA Rulebook, Revisions and this Agreement before entering the event. No cars are permitted to burnout across the starting line. Cars with front brakes must stop before crossing the starting line. Offenders will get 1 warning. Jr. Dragster only allowed one pullback after burnout process, prior to reaching ready line.

25. DEEP STAGING - Please be aware that Deep Staging is allowed but not guaranteed. It is up to the racer to get in deep as soon as possible. It is not the responsibility of the starter.

26. COURTESY STAGING – In effect. Starter will intervene when appropriate.

27. EXCESSIVE BRAKING – If an official sees smoke at finish line, the car is out for that particular race.

28. SPECIAL AWARDS - Each track will enter one vehicle per category. Each entry will receive a dash plaque for having been selected by his track to compete in the “Best Awards”!

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| Best Appearing Full Bodied Car | Best Engineered Full Bodied Car |
| Best Appearing Open Bodied Car | Best Engineered Open Bodied Car |
| Best Appearing Motorcycle | Best Engineered Motorcycle |
| Best Appearing Junior Dragster | Best Engineered Junior Dragster |
| Best Appearing Sponsor Banner | Best Team Spirit |
| The infamous “Homer Award” | Best Appearing Team |
| Best Decorated Grandstand Area | |

29. WEATHER – If weather delays the event, it will be completed on the first available day.

30. CONTINGENCY DECALS – Will not be distributed at the event. It is the driver’s responsibility or the team’s responsibility to acquire any needed contingency decals prior to the event. Certain manufacturers do not distribute their decals through IHRA. You must call the company in question direct.

31. ENTRY FEES -

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| Car & Driver | \$60 |
| Motorcycle | \$60 |
| Jr. Dragster | \$60 |
| Crewman & Alternate | \$40 (weekend) |
| Child | \$10 (weekend) |
| General Adm. Adults | \$15.00 (1 day) |
| Child (6-12) | \$ 5.00 (1 day) |
| Additional Vehicle Pit Pass | \$10.00 |
| Thursday Gamblers (No Juniors) | \$30 (1 st round buybacks \$20) |
| Friday PRP Box Challenge | \$50 (1 st round buybacks \$30) |
| Friday PRP No Box Challenge | \$50 (1 st round buybacks \$30) |
| Friday PRP Bike Challenge | \$50 (1 st round buybacks \$30) |
| Friday PRP Junior Challenge | \$10 (1 st round buybacks \$5) |
| Saturday Gamblers Race (Box, No Box, Bike, Juniors) | \$50 (No Buybacks) |
| Sunday Gamblers Race (Box, No Box, Bikes, Juniors) | \$30 (No Buybacks) |
| Membership & License | Mandatory: available at event |

32. PURSES & PAYOUT - Additionally, there is over \$125,000.00 in Contingency Postings!

A. ELIMINATORS:

TOP

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| Winner | \$3,000 & Ironman & Silver Card |
| Runner Up | 1,000 |
| Semi Finalist | 400 |
| 7th Round Loser | 250 |
| 6th Round Loser | 200 |
| 5th Round Loser | 100 |
| 4th Round Loser | 75 |
| 3rd Round Loser | 50 |

MODIFIED

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| Winner | \$3,000 & Ironman & Silver Card |
| Runner Up | 1,000 |
| Semi Finalist | 400 |
| 7th Round Loser | 250 |
| 6th Round Loser | 200 |
| 5th Round Loser | 100 |
| 4th Round Loser | 75 |
| 3rd Round Loser | 50 |

STREET

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| Winner | \$1,500 & Ironman & Silver Card |
| Runner Up | 750 |
| Semi Finalist | 200 |
| 7th Round Loser | 150 |
| 6th Round Loser | 125 |
| 5th Round Loser | 100 |
| 4th Round Loser | 60 |
| 3rd Round Loser | 40 |

MOTORCYCLE

80% Of Entry Fee (Winner/ RU/ Semi's)
IronMan and Silver Card to Winner

JR. DRAGSTER

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| Winner | Ironman, Silver Card, \$500 Bond |
| Runner Up | Trophies, \$250 Bond |
| Semis | Trophies, \$100 Bond |

B. RACE OF CHAMPIONS:

Jr. Dragster

Win \$200 Bond Trophy

R/U Trophy

C. SUMMIT SUPERSERIES RUN OFF RACE

Winner of Box & No Box – Plaque...and the right to go to Rockingham to race for the world championship plus \$1,000 tow money when you tech in at Rockingham!

D. THURSDAY EARLY BIRD RACE

80% Payback – Win, R/U, Semi's **and Quarter Finals** in Box, No Box & Motorcycle

E. FRIDAY PRP CHALLENGE

| <u>Top</u> | <u>No Box</u> | <u>Bike</u> | <u>Junior</u> |
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| Win \$3,000 | Win \$3,000 | 80% Pay | Win Trophy |
| R/U 1,000 | R/U 1,000 | Back of | R/U Trophy |
| Semi 500 | Semi 500 | Entry Fee | Semi Trophy |
| Qtr 200 | Qtr 200 | | |
| 1/8's 100 | 1/8's 100 | | |

F. SATURDAY / SUNDAY GAMBLERS RACE

80% Payback – Win, R/U, Semi's in Box, No Box & Motorcycle, Junior

33. TRACK CODES FOR THE 2008 DIVISION 3 TEAMS (Tentative List) -

| TRACK NAME | CODE |
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| PITTSBURGH RACEWAY | PR |
| BEAVER SPRINGS | BS |
| DRAGWAY 42 | 42 |
| NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL | NY |
| NEW ENGLAND DRAGWAY | NE |
| DUNN TIRE | DT |
| THOMPSON | TD |
| SKYVIEW | SV |
| CAYUGA | TM |
| KANAWHA VALLEY | KV |

IHRA NORTHSTAR SUMMIT TEAM FINALS SCHEDULE
If weather delays the event, it will be finished on the first available day.

Weekend Run Order: Street, Juniors, Modified, Motorcycle, Top

Wednesday September 23

Parking and Registration 4:00 pm - overnight

Thursday September 24

Parking and Registration 8:00 am - Overnight

Time Trials 10:00 am – 3:00

o *No Junior TT's Today*

Early Bird Gamblers Race 4:00 pm

Friday September 25

Time Trial (1 session) 8:00 am (No SSS Run Off Participants)

o *2 TT Sessions For Juniors Only*

SSS Track Run Off (TT) 11:00 am

SSS Track Eliminations After Time Run

Junior Race of Champions 12 Noon (approximate)

PRP Junior Challenge 1:00 pm

PRP Challenge 3:00 pm

Special Judging 8:00 pm

Credentials Close 8:00 pm

Saturday September 26

Gates Open 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Time Runs (1) 8:00 am

Team Captains Race 12 Noon (approximate)

Team Parade & Pictures 1:00 pm

Final Eliminations 3:00 pm (Rd 1)

Gambler Race After round 1 – for anyone eliminated in Rd 1 of main event and alternates

Sunday September 27

Gates Open 8:00 am

God Speed Ministry Service 8:00 am

Time Run (1) 8:30am

Final Elimination's 10:30 am

Gamblers Race After round 3 of Final Eliminations

Monday September 28

Track Operators Meeting 9:00 am TBD

FOOT TRAFFIC ONLY BEGINNING 1 HOUR AFTER RACING HAS ENDED EACH NIGHT

Schedule may change at any time. Specialty events are time and weather permitting.