



**2012 IHRA "PATRIOTS"
SUMMIT TEAM FINALS**
Richmond Dragway, Sandston, VA
September 27-30, 2012
(1/8 Mile)



The purpose of the IHRA "Patriots" Summit Team Finals is to promote IHRA drag racing at member tracks on a local level and reward attendance with national recognition and competition.

1. **TEAM PRE ENTRY** - Each track will be responsible for collecting and paying to IHRA the car & driver entry fees for their team. This must be done on or before **September 12, 2012**.
2. **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 2011 IHRA Nitro Jam World Champions and 2010 NHRA World Champions are not eligible.
3. **TEAM COMPOSITION** - Each team will consist of **40 members**. **Teams may be assembled any way the track deems appropriate as long as the total number of members in no more than 40. There will be no alternates.**
3. **TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP** - Each team championship will be determined by a points system with one (1) point being awarded to the winner of each round. In the case of a tie, the team with the entry that went farthest in competition will be awarded the higher position. If there is still a tie, the team that finished highest the year before will be the winner. Each winning team member will receive a championship jacket. Winning track will purchase jacket, IHRA will pay winning track \$50 per team member. The winning track will receive an Ironman.
4. **CREDENTIALS, MEMBERSHIP & LICENSING** - Each participant, including juniors, must be a current licensed member of IHRA. All competitors must have membership and license. All racers 6.49 & quicker in the 1/8th mile must have license approved. Forms will be provided to operators. License runs will not be allowed at the team bracket 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 and permanent number properly displayed on their vehicle. IHRA will select the track code. The track will sell any number they choose, up to four digits. Track code must be large enough to be easily seen by the officials (in the control tower and staging lanes). All other numbers or designations must be removed or covered prior to competition. Shoe polish is prohibited.
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 inspection will be performed by an IHRA official at the event.
7. **WRIST BANDS** – A track 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 team finals.
- 9. RACERS** - No racer may represent more than one (1) track at the team finals. A racer may enter only one vehicle per 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. SUMMIT SUPER SERIES RUN OFF RACE** –. Each participating track may enter 1 (one) track champion from “Box” and “No Box” class. **These drivers must be the actual Summit SuperSeries Track Champion or points leader at that point. No substitutions.** Elimination pairings will be on a sportsman ladder generated based on the best non-red reaction time from their final qualifying time run. If there is a bye run it will go to the best reaction time from that final qualifying run. **Lane choice for all rounds will be based upon reaction time. These drivers must be the actual Summit SuperSeries Track Champion or points leader at that point. No substitutions.. Crosstalk will be used for SSS runoff in Box for 2012 at the World Finals.**
- 11. TRACK OPERATORS RACE** - Will be open to track owners or operators only from each track. No substitutions. They are limited to non-competition street legal cars only. No electronics of any kind will be allowed.
- 12. TIME TRIALS** - Will be run in sessions and by class. Racers should not come to the staging lanes until their class is called. Large classes will be split to enhance traffic flow.
- 13. 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 driver's license. An IHRA 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 will share responsibility enforcing this rule.
- 14. THREE ELIMINATORS** - Will be run at the Bracket Finals:
- TOP ET** (0 – 7.99)
 - MODIFIED ET** (All run, dragsters & center steer altereds prohibited)
 - JUNIORS** (All run)
- 15. 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 and wheel pickup sensing devices are prohibited.
 - b. **Top ET** - delay boxes, trans brakes, two steps, playback tachs and 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** – Electronics, delay boxes, timers on Nitrous systems and trans brakes are prohibited and not allowed on the car. **Air or electric shifters are allowed.** Clutch operated cars are allowed to run two steps. Shift lights and single stage line locks on non-drive wheels are allowed.
- 16. CHRISTMAS TREE** – The tree will be separated with a blinder, with the top bulbs shielded. LED bulbs will be used with cones. Crosstalk will be used in Top ET only.
- 17. AUTOSTART** – Autostart will be used to start races. Manual start to be used in Modified class only when using crondek timing system Reaction times will be displayed .000. See the IHRA

rulebook for details.

18. LANE CHOICE - Racers wanting the right lane should line up in lanes 1, 3, 5 and 7 and Racers wanting the left lane should line up in lanes 2, 4, 6 and 8. In the final rounds, should remaining racers want the same lane; an IHRA official will determine lane choice using playing cards.

19. BYE RUNS - For the first round, the IHRA tower official will randomly determine the bye run. In subsequent rounds, the best reaction time will determine the bye. In the case of a tie, the racer who runs closer to their dial in (excluding a breakout) will receive the bye. If a tie still exists, the team finish from the previous year will determine the bye. A racer is eligible for a bye until he actually makes a bye run. Once a racer makes a bye, he is not eligible again until everyone else left in the class has made a bye run. A new bye is 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.

20. TEAM MEMBER vs. TEAM MEMBER - The 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 and traffic can occur that could 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.

21. PARKING – The 7 teams in order of finish will select a pit parking spot. All other spots will be assigned based on order of finish. Grandstand locations are selected by each team on a first come, first served basis at the event.

22. GAMBLER'S RACES - There will be 2 gamblers races. If a gamblers race is not completed on the scheduled day, the event will be concluded the next day if we are down to a total combined number of 16 entries or less. If 17 or more are left the purse will be divided among the competitors. Track operators may compete in a race vehicle in the gamblers race.

23. RACE PROCEDURE AND 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.

24. 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.

25. BEST AWARDS - Each track may enter one vehicle in the appropriate category. The car must be entered in competition. It is suggested you notify selected entry the day before the judging is to take place. Each entry will receive a dash plaque for having been selected by his track to compete in the "Best Awards".

Best Awards:

Best Appearing Full Bodied Car
Best Engineered Full Bodied Car
Best Appearing Open Bodied Car
Best Engineered Open Bodied Car
Best Appearing Junior Dragster

Best Team Spirit
Best Appearing Team
Best Appearing Sponsor Banner
Best Team Mascot
Best Engineered Junior Dragster

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

29. ENTRY FEES: MAIN EVENT

Car & Driver		<u>\$75.00</u>	
Jr. Dragster		<u>\$60.00</u>	
Crewman & Alternates		\$40.00	(weekend)
Child		\$10.00	(weekend)
Thursday	Test & Tune	\$35.00	
Friday & Saturday	Box Gamblers	\$70.00	(1st round buyback - \$50.00)
Friday & Saturday	No Box Gamblers	\$60.00	(1st round buyback - \$40.00)
Friday & Saturday	Junior Gamblers	\$20.00	(1st Round Buy Back - \$15.00)
Membership & License:		Mandatory – <u>available at event</u>	
General Adm.	Adults	\$15.00	(1 day)
	Child (6-12)	\$ 5.00	(1 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. PURSES & PAYOUT: Main Event

ELIMINATORS:

TOP ET (0 – 7.99)

Winner	\$5,000.00 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	1,500.00
Semi finalists	500.00
7th round loser	250.00
6th round loser	200.00
5th round loser	150.00
4th round loser	100.00
3rd round loser	50.00

MODIFIED ET (All Run, dragsters & center steer altereds prohibited)

Winner	\$3,500.00 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	1,000.00
Semi finalists	500.00
7th round loser	250.00
6th round loser	200.00
5th round loser	150.00
4th round loser	100.00
3rd round loser	50.00

JR. DRAGSTER (All Run)

Winner	Ironman & Silver Card & \$250
Runner Up	Trophy, \$125
Semi finalist	Trophy, \$50

SUMMIT SUPERSERIES RUN OFF RACE

Winner and runner up of Box, No Box and Junior Dragster – Plaque (Winner Only)...and the right to go to Memphis International Raceway to race for the world championship plus \$1,000 (\$750 Juniors) tow money when you tech in at MIR!

THURSDAY: TEST and TUNE \$35.00

FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS GAMBLER RACES:

Top ET

Win \$4,000

R/U \$1,000

Semi \$300

Round Money \$50 per

Round Starting 3rd Round Win

Modified ET

Win \$2,000

R/U \$500

Semi \$200

Round Money \$30 per

Round Starting 3rd Round Win

Juniors

80% Pay Back

TRACK CODES FOR THE 2012 TEAMS (tentative) -

TRACK NAME

CODE

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| 1. Sumerduck Dragway | SD |
| 2. Motor Mile Dragway | MM |
| 3. Maryland | MR |
| 4. Natural Bridge Dragway | NB |
| 5. Northeast Dragway | ND |
| 6. Roxboro Dragway | RX |
| 7. Richmond Dragway | RD |
| 8. Capitol Raceway | CR |
| 9. 75-80 Dragway | SE |

IHRA "PATRIOTS" SUMMIT TEAM FINALS SCHEDULE

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

Thursday September 27

<u>Parking and Registration</u>	<u>9:00 am - 10:00 pm</u>
<u>Membership</u>	<u>10:00 am - 10:00pm</u>
<u>Test N Tune</u>	<u>2:00 pm – 10:00pm</u>

Friday September 28

Gates Open	8:00 am – 10:00 pm
Time Trial (1 round)	9:00 am (no SSS participants)
SSS Run Off TT (2 only)	9:00 am
SSS Run Off	Will be mixed in and run along with Time Trials
Gambler's Races	After Time Trial

Saturday September 29

Gates Open	8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Time Trial (1 round)	Modified, Top & Juniors 9:00 am
Gambler races	Modified, Top & Juniors
Track Operators Race	Mix in Gamblers Race after 4 th Rd.
Track Operator Meeting	Immediately following today's activities

Sunday September 30

Gates Open	8:00 am
God Speed Church Service	8:00 am
Special Judging and Team Pictures	9:00 am
Final Eliminations	10:00 am