



2012 IHRA  
**SUMMIT “THUNDER” TEAM FINALS**  
*US 131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI*  
September 13-16, 2012  
(1/4 Mile)



The purpose of the IHRA “Thunder” 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 mile in 2012 and 2013, etc. (until an 1/8 mile track is in the event)

- 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 (4) points meets, of the track they represent. 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 2011 NHRA World Champions are not eligible.
- 2. TEAM COMPOSITION** - Each team will consist of a total of 50 members. There is no entry limit for any class. This includes Juniors. Each team will be allowed to bring two (2) alternates to the events. The alternates will be allowed to time trial, and enter the bonus races, even if no one scratches from the qualified team. If a team car breaks **and original driver does not wish to race a street vehicle**, the team must use the alternate. No switching of team cars unless team is not full. Each team will be issued 52 team code decals and each car competing must have a team code decal displayed. 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’s competitor going 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 member of the winning team will receive a jacket. Winning track is responsible for ordering jackets. IHRA will pay winning track \$50 per team member. The winning track will receive an Ironman.
- 4. CREDENTIALS, MEMBERSHIP & LICENSING** - Each participant, including Juniors & Motorcycles, must be a current licensed member of IHRA. All racers 9.99 & quicker ¼ mile, (6.49 & quicker 1/8 mile), must have an approved license. Forms will be provided to Track Operators. License runs will not be allowed at the 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 competition number permanently displayed on all four sides of the vehicle. ***THE PROVIDED TEAM CODE DECAL IS TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE TOWER SIDE OF THE VEHICLE IN FRONT OF THE COMPETITION NUMBER.*** IHRA will select the track code. The track may issue any number they choose, up to six digits total, including the track code (example: RR4567). **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 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 crew members 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.
9. **RACERS** - No racer may represent more than one (1) track at the Team Finals. **A racer may enter a maximum of two different vehicles and compete in up to two different classes.** Racer must be listed on roster in both classes. 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 SUPERSERIES RUN OFF** - Each participating track may enter 1 (one) track champion from “Top/Box”, “Modified/No Box” and Junior Dragster 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 the Team Captain of each participating track. The race will be run on Saturday and is limited to non-competition street legal cars only. No Electronics of any kind allowed. The team captain entering this race may not race on a regular basis. The team captains may not participate in the main event.
12. **TIME TRIALS** - Time trials will be run in sessions by class.
13. **ATV's & PIT BIKES** - The permanent number of the racecar must be displayed on all such vehicles. No joy riding permitted. Track Owner will be responsible for enforcing this rule. Violators will be disqualified and points will be deducted from the team. All riders must have a valid state driver's license. **ABSOLUTELY NO SKATEBOARDS, GO-CARTS, ETC. ALLOWED.**
14. **FIVE ELIMINATORS** - Will be run at the Summit Team Finals:

<b>TOP ET</b>	(1/4 mile: 0 – 11.99; 1/8 mile: 0 – 7.99)
<b>MODIFIED ET</b>	(1/4 mile: 0 – 13.99; 1/8 mile: 0 to 9.09)
<b>STREET</b>	(1/4 mile 12.00 & Slower; 1/8 mile 7.50 & Slower)
<b>JR DRAGSTERS</b>	(All Run)
<b>MOTORCYCLES</b>	Will run with appropriate car classes.
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, and playback tachometers are allowed. Air

Throttles, used as launch control devices, are allowed. Factory (OEM) installed computers will be permitted, but no lap top computers are allowed while in competition.

- c. **Modified ET** - Delay boxes and air throttles prohibited. All accepted trans brake buttons, trans brakes, two steps, and pneumatic or electric shifters 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. DOT approved mufflers (no inserts) and exhaust mandatory. DOT tires or DOT cheater slicks mandatory.
- e. **Motorcycles** – Will use car guidelines per class.
- f. **Jr. Dragsters** – Limited to one pull back after the burnout process prior to reaching ready line.

**16. CHRISTMAS TREE** – The tree will be separated with a blinder, but the top bulbs will be exposed. LED bulbs will be used. Crosstalk will **NOT** be used.

**17. AUTOSTART** – AutoStart will be used to start races in all classes. Total “time out” will be set at 10 seconds See the IHRA Rulebook for details.

**18. LANE CHOICE** - Racers wanting the left lane should line up in the odd number staging lanes (3 or 5), and racers wanting the right lane should line up in the even numbered staging lanes (2 or 4). Should racers want the same lane, an IHRA Official will determine lane choice using playing cards. **Depending on the number of teams, lane choice procedure may change to each track having a designated lane. In this case, an IHRA official will pull drivers who want opposing lanes. Keeping teams separated will take precedent over desired lanes.**

**23. 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 that runs closest to their dial-in (excluding breakouts) will be eligible for the bye. If still a tie, the team that finished the highest the previous year will be eligible for 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 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. **This procedure will be used for all races during this event except the SSS runoff.**

**24. 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 and traffic can occur that 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 a bye run situation.

**25. TEAM PIT PARKING SELECTION** - Team parking will be picked on order of finish from the year before. The number 1 finisher gets first pick, number 2 gets second pick, etc. Selections will be made at the Sunday Track Operators meeting, if you are unable to stay for the meeting you will be assigned your spot based on availability and order of finish.

**26. GAMBLER’S RACES** – Friday’s gamblers race will be run to completion that night or split if weather or conditions force the race to be stopped. Competitors in the gamblers race may only

run one entry. All competitors must be on the roster. Team captains may participate in the gamblers race.

**27. 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.

**28. 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. Deep staging is not the starter's responsibility.

**29. COURTESY STAGING** - In effect. Starter will intervene when appropriate.

**30. 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".

**Best Awards:**

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| Best Appearing Full Bodied Car  | Best Appearing Motorcycle       |
| Best Engineered Full Bodied Car | Best Engineering Motorcycle     |
| Best Appearing Open Bodied Car  | Best Appearing Junior Dragster  |
| Best Engineered Open Bodied Car | Best Engineered Junior Dragster |
| Best Team Spirit                | Best Appearing Sponsor Banner   |
| Best Appearing Team             |                                 |

**31. ENTRY FEES -**

Car & Driver	\$60.00
Jr. Dragster	\$60.00
Crewman & Alternate	\$50.00 (event)
Child (6-12)	\$10.00 (event)
General Adm.          Adults	\$15.00 (1 day)
Child (6-12)	\$ 5.00 (1 day)
Thursday Test and Tune	\$20.00
Friday Box Gamblers	\$75.00 (1 <sup>st</sup> Round Buy Back \$50)
Friday No Box Gamblers	\$75.00 (1 <sup>st</sup> Round Buy Back \$50)
Friday Junior Gamblers	\$15.00 (1 <sup>st</sup> Round Buy Back \$10)
Sunday Gamblers	\$30.00 (No Buy Backs)
(Box, No Box)	
Sunday Juniors Gamblers	\$15.00 (No Buy Backs)
Membership & License	Mandatory; available at event

**No refunds if event is partially or completely rained out.**

**32. 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.

### 33. PURSES & PAYOUT - Additionally there are THOUSANDS in contingency postings

#### A. ELIMINATORS:

##### TOP

Winner	\$1,800 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	800
Semi Finalists	400
6th Round Loser	120
5th Round Loser	80
4th Round Loser	60

##### MODIFIED

Winner	\$1,800 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	800
Semi Finalists	400
6th Round Loser	120
5th Round Loser	80
4th Round Loser	60

##### STREET

Winner	\$750 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	300
Semi Finalist	125
Qtr's	75

##### JR. DRAGSTER

Winner	Ironman & Silver Card & \$250 cash
Runner up	Trophy, \$125 cash
Semi Finalist	Trophy, \$50 cash
Quarter Finals	Trophy

#### B. SUMMIT SUPERSERIES RUN OFF RACE

Winner of Box, No Box and Junior Dragster – Plaque ... 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!

#### C. FRIDAY'S GAMBLERS RACE (Split if not concluded Friday night)

Box and No-Box, \$1,500 to win, further payout set after 1<sup>st</sup> round totaling 80% Junior – 80% payback (win, runner-up, semi, qtrs)

#### TRACK CODES FOR THE 2012 TEAMS (Tentative List) -

TRACK NAME	CODE
1. Wisconsin International Raceway	WI
2. US 131 Motorsports Park	US
3. Grand Bend Motorplex	GB
4. Marion County Raceway	MC

## IHRA "THUNDER" SUMMIT TEAM FINALS SCHEDULE

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

*Run order Street, Mod, Juniors, Top*

### Thursday September 13

Parking and Registration	1:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Test and Tune	4:00 pm – Dark

### Friday September 14

Gates Open	8:00 am – 10:00 pm
Time Trials (1 session) <i>(Excluding SSS Run-off participants)</i>	9:30 am
SSS Run off race (TT)	10:00 am (approximate)
SSS Eliminations	after time run
* Gamblers Races	1:00 pm
<i>* Race will be completed Friday unless weather or conditions force an early stop. Money will be split if forced to stop early</i>	
Olympics of Drag Racing	Immediately after Gamblers Race
Registration Closes	10:00 pm

### Saturday September 15

Gates Open	8:00 am – 10:00 pm
Time Runs (1 session)	9:30 am
Team Captains Race	11:00 am (approximate)
Special Judging (In Staging Lanes)	Immediately following Team Cpt. Race
Team Photos	2:00 pm (in stands)
Main Event Eliminators	3:00 pm (run to conclusion)
Track Operator Meeting	After Final Round Of Eliminations

### Sunday September 16

Conclude Eliminations (if necessary)	9:30 am
Gamblers Race	After Eliminations

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