



**2009 IHRA "HEAT WAVE"  
SUMMIT TEAM FINALS**  
*Alabama International Dragway / West*  
October 15-18, 2009  
(1/8 Mile)



The purpose of the IHRA Division 2 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 **October 12, 2009**.
- 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 top five (5) points finishers in 2008 IHRA or NHRA World Championship standings are not eligible. Track operators do not have to race 5 times in order to compete for their team, should they not be able to fill their roster.
- 3. 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 event. The alternates will be allowed to time trial, and enter the bonus races, even if no one scratches from the qualified team.
- 4. 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 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 team that finished highest the year before will be the winner. Each Winning Team Member will receive a championship jacket. The winning track will receive a plaque at the Awards Banquet.
- 5. CREDENTIALS, MEMBERSHIP & LICENSING** - Each participant, including Juniors, must be a **current licensed member** of IHRA. All racers 6.49 & quicker in the 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile must have an approved license. Forms will be provided to 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.
- 6. 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.

7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **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. Track operators may run in main event (if their team is not full) and also participate in the gamblers races (regardless of their team being full). If they choose to do this, then they may not participate in the track operators race (see # 12 below).
10. **RACERS** - No racer may represent more than one (1) track at the Summit Team Finals. **A racer may enter two vehicles as long as the driver meets the eligibility requirements for both vehicles and the vehicles are in different categories at the event.** This rule applies to the main event as well as gamblers and bonus races. Racers **MUST** be listed in both classes on the roster. Racers can not double enter a vehicle. 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.
11. **SUMMIT SUPERSERIES RUN OFF** 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 'Track Champion' points. Elimination pairings will be laddered based on the best non-red reaction time from the designated time run. Lane choice will be determined by card pull. **These drivers must be the actual Track Champion or points leader at that point. No substitutions.**
12. **TRACK OPERATORS RACE** - Will be open to the Team Captains from participating tracks. The race is limited to non-competition street legal vehicles only. No electronics of any kind will be allowed. The Team Captain entering this race may not race on a regular basis, nor compete in the main event or gamblers race. This is the only race in which the Team Captain can participate.
13. **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 and reduce the waiting time in the lanes.
14. **ATV's & PIT BIKES** – Race car permanent number must be displayed on all such vehicles. No joy riding permitted. **An IHRA Security person will be appointed to apprehend violators.** Violators will lose one or more team points for each violation, depending on the severity of violation. No skateboards, go-carts, etc. allowed. Track operators will share responsibility enforcing this rule.
15. **THREE ELIMINATORS** - Will be run at the Summit Team Finals (1/8 mile):
  - TOP** (0 – 9.00)
  - SUPER** (All Run)

## JUNIOR (All Run)

- 16. CHRISTMAS TREE** – The tree will be separated with a blinder and the top bulbs will be shielded. LED bulbs will be used with cones. Crosstalk **will** be used.
- 17. AUTOSTART** – AutoStart will be used to start races. Reaction times will be displayed .000. See the IHRA Rulebook for details.
- 18. 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. Consideration for handicapped racer may be allowed. Must be approved in advance.
- All Classes** - Stutter Boxes, Timed Down Track Throttle Stops, On-Board Computers, Data Recorders and Wheel Pickup Sensing Devices are prohibited.
  - Top** - Delay Boxes, Trans Brakes, Two Steps, and Playback Tachometers are permitted. Air throttles used as launch control devices are permitted. Factory (OEM) installed computers are permitted, but lap top computers are not allowed while in competition.
  - Super ET** – No Electronics. The use of Delay Boxes are prohibited. **Electric and or pneumatic shifters are allowed in 2009.** Single stage line locks and trans brakes are permitted. This class will be a true no box category in 2009.
  - Motorcycles** – **Will not be allowed to compete in the team finals**
- 19. LANE CHOICE** - Racers wanting the left lane should line up in lanes 1, 3, & 5, and racers wanting the right lane should line up in lanes 2, 4, & 6, for all runs. In the final rounds, should the remaining racers want the same lane, an IHRA Official will determine lane choice using playing cards.
- 20. BYE RUNS** - Bye Runs will be determined by an IHRA tower official. A Bye run will be selected for every round of racing. For the first round the racer selected for the Bye will be determined randomly by a tower official. 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 breakouts) 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 but it does not carry over. Once a racer makes a bye, he is not eligible again until everyone else left in the class has made a Bye run. 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 and traffic can occur that 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 & GRANDSTAND SELECTION** – The top 5 teams in order of finish will select a pit parking spot. All other spots will be assigned based on order of finish. Team Grandstand Selection will be assigned based on the order of finish from the year before. The number 1 finisher sits in the number 1 spot, number 2 sits in the number 2 spot, etc.

**23. GAMBLER'S RACES** - Gamblers races will be contested as long as weather and time permits. IHRA **will not** separate team members from running each other in any gamblers race. Racers may enter more than one car on Gambler races but two drivers may not drive the same car.

**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 IHRA Rulebook before entering the event. Note: Juniors may not loosen their seatbelts and lean forward and out of the vehicle in an attempt to look back at the car in the other lane. **Racers must wear the appropriate safety equipment required for the car they are driving. Tails lights must be on anytime the track lights are on.**

**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. BEST 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 Appearing Full Bodied Car  
Best Appearing Open Bodied Car  
Best Appearing Junior Dragster  
Best Appearing Sponsor Banner  
Best Appearing Team (Sunday)

Best Engineered Full Bodied Car  
Best Engineered Open Bodied Car  
Best Engineered Junior Dragster  
Best Team Spirit (Judged all weekend,  
presented noon Sunday)

**27. 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.

**28. PURSES & PAYOUTS - Additionally, there is over \$125,000.00 in Contingency Postings!**

**ELIMINATORS:**

**TOP**

Winner	\$4,000 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	1,500
Semi Finalist	500
7th Round Loser	250
6th Round Loser	200
5th Round Loser	150
4th Round Loser	75

**SUPER**

Winner	\$2,500 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	1,000
Semi Finalist	500
7th Round Loser	250
6th Round Loser	200
5th Round Loser	150
4th Round Loser	75

**JR. DRAGSTER**

Winner	Ironman & Silver Card & \$500 Bond
Runner Up	Trophy, \$250 Bond
Semi Finalist	Trophy, \$100 Bond

**SUMMIT SUPERSERIES TRACK RUN-OFF**

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!

**GAMBLERS RACES (Thursday):** 80% Payback, (Top, Super, Juniors,)

**GAMBLERS RACES (Friday):**

<u>Top ET</u>		<u>Super ET</u>		<u>Junior</u>	
Win	\$3,500	Win	\$2,000	Win	Trophy
R/U	800	R/U	400	R/U	Trophy
Semi	150	Semi	120	Semi	Trophy
Qtr	100	Qtr	80		
8 <sup>th</sup> Fnlst	50	8 <sup>th</sup> Fnlst	40		

Bonus Payout- The winners of Top et and Super et on Fridays Gambler race face off for A bonus of \$1000 going to the winner of the face off

**GAMBLERS RACES (Saturday)**

<u>Top ET</u>	<u>Super ET</u>	<u>Junior</u>
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80 % Payback

80% Payback

Win and Runner up Trophy

**29. ENTRY FEES -**

Car & Driver, Juniors	\$60.00	
Crewman & Alternates	\$40.00	(weekend)
Child	\$10.00	(weekend)
Pit Access Parking	\$10.00	(additional pit vehicles)
General Admission: Adult	\$15.00	(per day)
Child (6-12)	\$ 5.00	(per day)
Thursday Gamblers	\$30.00	(Buy- backs \$20)
Thursday Junior Gamblers	\$10.00	(Buy – backs \$5)
Friday Gamblers - Top	\$50.00	(Buy Backs - \$35)(Lottery Ticket \$20)
Friday Gamblers - Super	\$40.00	(Buy Backs - \$25)(Lottery Ticket \$20)
Friday Gamblers - Junior	\$10.00	(Buy Backs - \$5)(Lottery Ticket \$10)
Saturday Last Chance Race (All 1 <sup>st</sup> round losers of main event)	\$50.00	(Buy Backs - \$35) (Lottery Ticket \$20)
Membership & License		Mandatory; available at event

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

**31. 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.

**32. NOISE MAKERS** – only noise makers that are manually powered may be used. No noise makers that are electric or battery powered are permitted.

**33. TRACK CODES FOR THE 2009 TEAMS (Tentative List - WEST)**

<b>TRACK NAME</b>	<b>CODE</b>
1. Chilton County	CC
2. Knoxville Dragway	KD
3. Middle Tennessee	MT
4. Alabama Int Dragway	AI
5. Mountain Park Dragway	MP
6. I-40 Dragway	IF
7. Holly Springs Dragway	HS

**IHRA "HEAT WAVE" SUMMIT TEAM FINALS SCHEDULE –  
If weather delays the event, it will be completed on the first available day.**

***Weekend Run Order: Super, Juniors, Top***

**Wednesday October 14**

Parking and registration 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
**Gamblers Race 7:00 pm**

**Thursday October 15**

Parking and Registration 8:00 am – 10:00 pm  
Time Trials 8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Early Bird Race (1<sup>st</sup> Rd Buy Backs) 2:00 pm - Midnight

**Friday October 16**

Gates Open 7:00 am  
Time Trials (1 round) 8:00 am – 12:00  
Junior Race of Champions 12:00 pm  
Gamblers Races (1<sup>st</sup> Rd Buy Backs) Following Race of Champions - Midnight

**Saturday October 17**

Gates Open 7:00 am  
Time Runs (one only) 8:00 am (No SSS Run Off Participants)  
Track Operator Meeting 10:00am  
SSS Track "PR" Time Run (1 only) 12:00 pm  
SSS Track "PR" Eliminations After time runs  
Team Captains Race 1:00 pm  
Team Pictures (in stands) 1:30 pm  
1st Round Main Event 2:00 pm  
Last chance race for all 1<sup>st</sup> losers After 1<sup>st</sup> rd main event

**Sunday October 18**

Gates Open 8:00 am  
God Speed Church Service 8:30 am  
Best Awards Judging 8:30 am - 9:30 am  
Time Trials (one only)\* 9:30 am  
Final Elimination's 12:00 noon

**\*Sunday Time Trials are limited to only the first round winners from Saturday**