



**2009 IHRA "PATRIOTS"
SUMMIT TEAM FINALS**
Farmington Dragway, Farmington, NC
October 14-18, 2009
(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.

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**.

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) point's finishers in 2008 IHRA or NHRA World Championship standings are not eligible.

TEAM COMPOSITION - Each team will consist of **48** members. Teams may send up to 40 seniors, and up to a total of 8 juniors. Each team will be allowed to bring two (2) additional racers as **alternates**. The **alternates** will be allowed to time trial, and enter the bonus races, even if no one scratches from the qualified team.

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. The winning track will receive a plaque at the IHRA Awards Banquet.

CREDENTIALS, MEMBERSHIP & LICENSING - Each participant, including Juniors, must be a **current licensed member** of IHRA. **All competitors must have membership and license prior to entry of event as there will no membership or license sold at the event.** It is the track's responsibility to ensure all competitors are licensed IHRA members before the event. 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.

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.**

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.

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.

TEAM CAPTAIN - Each track will provide a track owner/operator or manager to serve as Team Captain for their team at the Team Finals.

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.

RACE(S) OF CHAMPIONS – Each participating track may enter: 1 Junior Champion, 1 Top Champion, and 1 Modified Champion. **If track champion can not attend tracks may enter there next driver in order of finish.**

12. SUMMIT SUPER SERIES TRACK “PR” 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 ‘Track Champion’. Elimination pairings will be ladder 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”. No substitutions**

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.

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.

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.

THREE ELIMINATORS - Will be run at the Bracket Finals:

TOP ET (0 – 7.99)

MODIFIED ET (All Run, Dragsters & Center Steer Altered prohibited)

JUNIORS (All Run)

Motorcycles - No limit per team – No track points - Gamblers races only Thur. Fri. Sat. –

No electronics (Entry fee will be \$60.00 – Buy backs \$30.00 Pay out will be 70 % of entry fee

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, 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.

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.

AUTOSTART – AutoStart will be used to start races. **Manual start to be used in Mod. Class only when using crondek timing system** Reaction times will be displayed .000. See the IHRA Rulebook for details.

LANE CHOICE - Racers wanting the Left Lane should line up in lanes 1, 3, 5 and 7 and Racers wanting the right 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.

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.

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.

PARKING – The **8** 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.

GAMBLER’S RACES - There will be 6 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.**

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.

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.

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

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

30. ENTRY FEES:

Car & Driver	\$50.00
Jr. Dragster	\$50.00
Crewman & Alternates	\$40.00 (weekend)
Child	\$10.00 (weekend)
Thursday Top & Mod Gamblers	\$50.00 (1 st Rd Buyback - \$35.00)
Friday Box Gamblers	\$65.00 (1st Round Buy-Back - \$50.00)
Friday No Box Gamblers	\$ 50.00 (1st Round Buy Back - \$30.00)
Friday Junior Gamblers	\$25.00 (1st Round Buy Back - \$15.00)
Membership & License:	Mandatory – Not available at event
Tracks are responsible to ensure all participants are licensed members of the IHRA	
Pit Access Parking	\$10.00 (additional pit vehicles)
General Adm. Adults	\$15.00 (1 day)
Child (6-12)	\$ 5.00 (1 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. 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 Altered 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 & \$500 Bond
Runner Up	Trophy, \$250 Bond
Semi Finalist	Trophy, \$100 Bond

JUNIOR RACE OF CHAMPIONS:

Junior Dragster

Win - \$200 Bond Plaque
R/U – Plaque

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!

THURSDAYS EARLY BIRD GAMBLERS RACE:

<u>Top ET</u>		<u>Modified ET</u>	
Win	\$2,000	Win	\$2,000
R/U	\$500	R/U	\$500
Round Money \$30 per		Round Money \$30 per	
Round Starting 3 rd Round Win		Round Starting 3 rd Round Win	

FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS GAMBLER RACES:

<u>Top ET</u>		<u>Modified ET</u>		<u>Juniors</u>	
Win	\$4,000	Win	\$2,000	Win	\$500 Bond
R/U	\$750	R/U	\$500	R/U	250 Bond
Semi	\$250	Semi	\$250	Semi	100 Bond
Round Money \$50 per		Round Money <u>\$30</u> per			
Round Starting 3 rd Round Win		Round Starting 3 rd Round Win			

• **TRACK CODES FOR THE 2008 TEAMS (tentative) -**

TRACK NAME	CODE
1. Farmington Motorsports Park	FM
2. Motor Mile Dragway	MM
3. Elk Creek Dragway	EC
4. Sumerduck Dragway	SD
5. Natural Bridge Dragway	NB
6. Roxboro Dragway	RX
7. Wilkesboro Raceway	WR
8. Mooresville Dragway	MD

IHRA “PATRIOTS” SUMMIT TEAM FINALS SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday October 14

Parking and Registration 12:00 noon - Midnight

Thursday October 15

Parking and Registration 8:00 am - 10:00 pm
Time Trial 1 round 10:00 am (Top, Mod) T/S – T/D Quick 4
Early Bird Gamblers Race After Time Trial

Friday October 16

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

Saturday October 17

Gates Open 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Time Trial (1 round) Top, Modified & Juniors 9:00 am
Gambler races Top, Mod, & Juniors
Race Of Champions After Time Run
Track Operators Race During Race of Champions
Track Operator Meeting 7:00 pm

Sunday October 18 – No Time Runs Today

Gates Open 8:00 am
God Speed Church Service 9:00 am
Special Judging 10:00 am
Final Eliminations 12:00 Noon