



**2009 IHRA "RAIDERS"
SUMMIT TEAM FINALS**

Rockingham Dragway
October 14-18, 2009
(1/8 Mile)



The purpose of the IHRA "Raiders" 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. **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 2007 IHRA or NHRA World Championship standings are not eligible.
2. **TEAM COMPOSITION** - Each team will consist of **50** members. Teams may send up to 40 seniors, and up to a total of 10 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.
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. The winning track will receive a plaque at the IHRA Awards Banquet.
4. **CREDENTIALS, MEMBERSHIP & LICENSING** - Each participant, including Juniors, must be a **current licensed member** of IHRA. 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 the DRIVER SIDE** of 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** - 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 Team Finals.
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. **RACE(S) OF CHAMPIONS** – Since the World Finals will follow the Team Finals in 2009, there will be no actual Race Of Champions because we will be running The Summit Super Series run-off.
11. **SUMMIT SUPER SERIES TRACK “Champion” 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 ‘Points Total’ or the track’s designated Summit Super Series champion. **These drivers must be the actual Summit Super Series track champions. No substitutions (Since the World Finals will follow the Team Finals in 2009, this run off will be run at the Summit Team Finals. The champs will advance to the SSS World Championship the following week during the IHRA World Finals)**
12. **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.
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.
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 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.
15. **THREE ELIMINATORS** - Will be run at the Bracket Finals:
TOP ET (0 – 7.99) MODIFIED ET (All Run, Dragsters & Center Steer Alters prohibited)
JUNIORS (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, 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, Air or Electric Shifters and Trans Brakes are prohibited and not allowed on the car. Clutch operated cars are allowed to run Two Steps. Shift Lights and Single Stage Line Locks on non-drive wheels are allowed.
17. **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.
18. **AUTOSTART** – AutoStart will be used to start races. Reaction times will be displayed .000. See the IHRA Rulebook for details.
19. **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.
20. **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.

- 21. **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.
- 22. **PARKING** – 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. Grandstand locations are selected by each team on a first come, first served basis at the event.
- 23. **GAMBLER’S RACES** - There will be 4 Gamblers Races. The Top ET entry fee will be \$65 00 with a \$50.00 buyback for first round losers only. The Modified ET entry fee will be \$40.00 with a \$25.00 buyback for first round losers only. The Junior Dragster entry fee is \$15 with a \$10 buyback. 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.**
- 24. **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.
- 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 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 Appearing Full Bodied Car	Best Team Spirit
Best Engineered Full Bodied Car	Best Appearing Team
Best Appearing Open Bodied Car	Best Appearing Sponsor Banner
Best Engineered Open Bodied Car	Best Team Mascot
Best Appearing Junior Dragster	Best Engineered Junior Dragster
Best Decorated (Halloween) Golf Cart	Best Childs Halloween Costume
- 29. **WEATHER** – If weather delays the event, it will be completed on first day available.

30. ENTRY FEES:

Car & Driver	\$60.00
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Jr. Dragster	\$60.00
Crewman & Alternates	\$40.00 (weekend)
Child	\$10.00 (weekend)
Thursday Early Bird Gamblers	\$30.00 (Top& Mod only – 80% payback) (Thursday 1 st Rd Buyback - \$10)
Friday Box Gamblers	\$65.00 (1st Round Buy-Back - \$50.00)
Friday No Box Gamblers	\$40.00 (1st Round Buy Back - \$25.00)
Friday Junior Gamblers	\$15.00 (1st Round Buy Back - \$10.00)
Membership & License:	Mandatory – available at event
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:

A. ELIMINATORS:

TOP ET (0 – 7.99)

Winner	\$5,000.00 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	1,500.00
Semi Finalists	500.00
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
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

B. SUMMIT SUPERSERIES TRACK “Champion” 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!

C. THURSDAYS GEARLY BIRD GAMBLERS RACE:

80% Payback Top and Modified only. (1st Round Buyback \$15)

D. FRIDAYS GAMBLERS RACES:

	<u>Top ET</u>	<u>Modified ET</u>	<u>Juniors</u>
Win	\$5,000 & Plaque	Win \$3,500 & Plaque	80% Pay
R/U	1,500 & Plaque	R/U 1,250 & Plaque	Back of
Semi	1,000	Semi 500	Entry Fees
Qtr	250	Qtr 200	
8th Fnlst	100	8th Fnlst 100	
16th Fnlst	75	16th Fnlst 75	

TRACK CODES FOR THE 2009 TEAMS -

TRACK NAME	CODE
1. Greer Dragway	GR
2. Dunn Benson Dragstrip	DB
3. Richmond Dragway	RD
4. Mooresville Dragway	MD
5. Maryland International	MR
6. Piedmont Dragway	PD
7. Rockingham Dragway	RM
8. Northeast Dragway	ND
9. Coastal Plains	CP
10. Fayetteville Motorsports Park	FY
11. Outer Banks Speedway	OU

IHRA "RAIDERS" 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 - overnight

Thursday October 15

Parking and Registration 8:00 am - overnight
Time Trial 1 round 10:00 am (Top and Mod Only)
Early Bird Gamblers Race After Time Trial

Friday October 16

Gates Open 8:00 am – 10:00 pm
Time Trial (1 round) 9:00 am – 2:00pm
Gambler's Races (1 round) After Time Trial
Race Of Champions After Rd. 1 Gamblers
Track Operators Race During Race of Champions
Special Judging After Operators Race

Saturday October 17 – No Time Runs Today

Gates Open 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Conclude Friday Gamblers Race 9:00 am (Buyback or 2nd Round)
Track Operator Meeting 4:00 pm
1st Round Main Event Modified & Juniors Only (After gamblers race)

Sunday October 18 – No Time Runs Today

Gates Open 8:00 am
God Speed Church Service 8:30 am
Conclude Final Eliminations 9:00 am