



**2018 IHRA**  
**SUMMIT TEAM FINALS**  
*Darlington Dragway*  
Sept. 12 -16, 2018  
(1/8 Mile)



The purpose of the IHRA 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 7, 2018.
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 (3) 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. Track operators will need to bring run logs and or points pages for their team members.
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. **Alternates- each team may have two alternates.** Alternates may compete in gamblers races if not used for the main event.
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 the case of a tie, the team with 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. IHRA will pay track \$50 per winning team member for purchasing of Team Championship Awards. Winning track is responsible for the purchasing and distribution of awards as determined by the track. The winning track will receive an Ironman.
5. **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.
6. **TRACK CODE & PERMANENT NUMBERS** – No Five (5) Digit Numbers. Each participant must have a track code and a number properly displayed on all 4 sides. Numbers and dial in's are taken off the RIGHT or PASSENGER SIDE of their vehicle. IHRA will select the track code. The track will sell any number they choose, up to four digits. There is to be no duplication of numbers regardless of class. 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.
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 inspection 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 Team Finals. **Team Captain needs to be present at the opening of Racer Registration on Thursday.**
10. **RACERS** - No racer may represent more than one (1) track at the team finals. **A racer may enter only one vehicle and one class in the main event. A racer may enter 2 cars in 2 classes in the gamblers race.** 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. **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 race car permanent number must be displayed on all such vehicles. No Joy Riding Permitted. All riders must have a valid state driver's license. Track operators will be responsible for enforcing this rule. 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. **Curfew is one hour after race completion or Midnight**
14. **FOUR ELIMINATORS** - Will be run at the team finals: NO MOTORCYCLES  
**TOP ET** (0 – 7.99)  
**MODIFIED ET** (All run) dragsters & center steer altereds prohibited  
**NO BOX** (All Run)  
**JUNIORS** The first 2 rounds we will try to separate 8 to 11 and 12 yrs old and up.
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, 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 laptop 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.
  - d. **No Box** – No Electronics. The use of Delay Boxes is prohibited. Electric and or pneumatic shifters are allowed. Single stage line locks, two steps and trans brakes are permitted.

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. Reaction times will be displayed .000. See the IHRA rulebook for autostart settings.
18. **LANE CHOICE** - Racers should pull into the designated lane they wish. In the final rounds, should remaining racers want the same lane; an IHRA official will determine lane choice using playing cards. **Aces will be removed from deck.**
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 to be selected each round for a bye until he actually makes a bye run. Once a racer makes a bye, he is not eligible to be selected 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 top 5 teams in order of finish will select a pit parking spot. All other spots will be assigned based on order of finish. **Track Operator or team captain must be on the grounds on opening day to park their team.** Grandstand locations are selected by each team on a first come, first served basis at the event.
22. **GAMBLER'S RACES** - There will be 3 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. **COURTESY STAGING** – Mandatory. A car that accidently lights both bulbs will be allowed to back up and re-stage, if time allows. If the autostart system activates the tree and the entry is not re-staged the entry will be eliminated.
25. **DEEP STAGING** – Deep staging is allowed in MOD only and car must be marked on all 4 sides with the word DEEP. Courtesy staging rule is in effect with the exception of a race in which there is a car marked DEEP. **DEEP STAGING IS ALLOWED BUT NOT GARRENTED.**

**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 Appearing Junior Dragster
Best Engineered Junior Dragster	

**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 & PAYOUT: IHRA and Darlington Dragway will not be involved in any split of monies.**

### **MAIN EVENT**

#### **A. ELIMINATORS:**

##### **TOP ET** (0 – 7.99)

Winner	\$4,000.00 & 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	75.00

##### **MODIFIED ET** (All run, dragsters, center steer altereds and motorcycles prohibited)

Winner	\$2,500.00 & 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	75.00

##### **NO BOX** (All run, dragsters and center steer altereds prohibited)

Winner	\$2,000.00 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	1,000.00
Semi Finalist	400.00
6th Round Loser	125.00
5th Round Loser	100.00
4th Round Loser	75.00

##### **JR. DRAGSTER** (All run)

Winner	\$500.00 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	Trophy, \$225.00
Semi Finalist	Trophy, \$100.00

**B. GAMBLERS RACES if time and weather permits**

**THURSDAY GAMBLERS RACES:**

Top ET	Modified/No Box ET	Juniors
80% Pay Back	80% Pay Back	80% Pay Back

**FRIDAY GAMBLERS RACES:**

Top ET	Modified/No Box ET	Juniors
Win           \$3,000	Win           \$1,500	
R/U           \$1,000	R/U           \$500	80% Pay Back
Semi           \$300	Semi           \$200	
Round money \$40 per Round starting 3 <sup>rd</sup> round win	Round money \$20 per round starting 3 <sup>rd</sup> round win	

**SATURDAY GAMBLERS RACES:**

Top ET	Modified/No Box ET	Juniors
Win           \$4,000	Win           \$2,000	
R/U           \$1,000	R/U           \$500	80% Pay Back
Semi           \$300	Semi           \$200	
Round money \$50 per Round starting 3 <sup>rd</sup> round win	Round money \$30 per round starting 3 <sup>rd</sup> round win	

**30. ENTRY FEES:           MAIN EVENT**

Car & Driver	\$75.00
Jr. Dragster	\$60.00
Crewman	\$50.00 (event)
Child	\$10.00 (event)
Wednesday Test & Tune	\$30.00
Thu -Fri Box Gamblers	\$60.00 (1st round buyback - \$40.00)
Thu- Fri No Box Gamblers	\$50.00 (1st round buyback - \$30.00)
Thu-Fri Junior Gamblers	\$30.00 (1st round buyback - \$20.00)
Saturday Box Gamblers	\$70.00 (1st round buyback - \$50.00)
Saturday No Box Gambler	\$60.00 (1st round buyback - \$40.00)
Saturday Junior Gamblers	\$30.00 (1st round buyback - \$20.00)
Membership & License:	<b>Mandatory</b> – available at event
General Adm.       Adults	\$20.00 (1 day)
Child (6-12)	\$ 5.00 (1 day)

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

Darlington Dragway, 2056 East Bobo Newsome Hwy, Hartsville, SC 29550  
Radio Station 89.1

### **IHRA SUMMIT TEAM FINALS SCHEDULE**

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

**Weekend Run Order: Mod, No Box, Top, Junior**

#### **Wednesday**

Parking and Registration	11:00 am – 10:00 pm
Membership	11:00 am - 10:00 pm
Test N Tune	4:00 pm –9:00 pm

#### **Thursday**

Gates & Registration Open	9:00 am – 10:00 pm
Time Trial (1 round)	10:00 am
Gambler's Races	after time trial

#### **Friday**

Gates & Registration Open	9:00 am – 10:00 pm
Time Trial (1 round)	10:00 am
Gambler's Races	after time trial

#### **Saturday**

Gates & Registration Open	7:00 am
2nd Gamblers Race Rd-1	9:00 am
Clean-up time run for anyone not entered in Gamblers race	
1 <sup>st</sup> Rd Eliminations Main Event	
Race of Champions	after first round of Main event
Continue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gamblers Race	
Track Operator Meeting	Immediately following today's activities

#### **Sunday**

Gates Open	8:00 am
God Speed Church Service	8:30 am
Special Judging / Team Pictures	9:30 am
Track Operators Race	Immediately Following Special Judging
Conclude Final Eliminations	12:00 pm

\*\*\* SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE \*\*\*