



2026 DRAGWAY RULES, PROCEDURES, PAYOFF & INFORMATION

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Weekly Divisions

TOP	0. - 7.99 electronics "box"
MOD	0. - 9.09 no delay boxes
BIKES/SLEDS	all run
STREET	Street legal vehicles 7.50 and slower

All Drivers are responsible for reading and knowing the rules contained in this booklet and the 2026 IHRA rulebook. ALL RULES CONTAINED ON THESE PAGES ARE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE RACE DIRECTOR FOR INTERPRETATION AND CHANGE AS NEEDED.

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all events, and by participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules. **NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATIONS OF OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND OR REGULATIONS.** They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator, or official.

The race director shall be empowered to permit reasonable and appropriate deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in his/her opinion does not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. **NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF SPECIFICATIONS.** Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decision is final.

2026 Point Fund Payout Awarded to Drivers at Year End Banquet

(Drivers must be present to receive Point Fund; otherwise, prizes will be awarded to you at a later date)

Points earned as follows: 40 points attendance, 10 points per round win, 30 points waiver
#1 QUALIFIERS IN R.T. QUALIFIED CLASSES (Sleds/Bikes, Juniors) will receive a 5-point bonus.

- Each class must have a winner, no ties for first place. If there is a tie for first place, the driver with the most 1st place wins will be chosen champion. If a tie remains, we will go to 2nd place finishes, 3rds, 4ths, etc. until a winner is evident. All other ties will split.
- Each driver in the points will be entitled to three waiver weeks and will receive 30 points for that week. They will be given automatically if you are not here. You do not need to contact the track to get your waiver points.
- **Buybacks will be called to the lanes in the beginning of second round (on nights that time allows)-Top, Mod, and Street. You can pay the \$25 (Top) \$20 (MOD) \$15 (Street) in the lanes. Winning second round gets you into third round. We will make every effort to run the buybacks against themselves. Buyback round wins do not receive points and buyback wins do not count for tiebreakers.**
- Points start the day you join and will be awarded to driver, not car.
- You may only transfer attendance points, NOT ROUND POINTS. An exception may be made in the beginning of the year (no more than 2 weeks)
- If the first round of any class is finished, that class will receive points. The entire class must be finished to collect round points. Once one round of time trials end, attendance points will be awarded for all classes.
- Points will be posted weekly in the Pit Notes, in the tower, and on the web site. If your calculations are different, let Sharon know ASAP. It is your responsibility to check the points weekly and to show when and where the error occurred. We will not back track to adjust points.
- No adjustments will be made after 10/9/2026
- Bye runs will be awarded to the best reaction time from the round before (in Top, Mod, Street). If you qualify for the bye run, you must pull over. If there is an even number of cars you will be given lane choice. Driver may only earn one (1) bye run per event unless all remaining cars had a bye run (until put on ladder). If you don't get a bye, you are still eligible. 1ST round byes will be chosen from best RT during 2nd TT. Late time trials do not qualify. If you have a question about the bye, please ask. **Once the round is run, no adjustments.**
- Top, Mod and Street will go on a ladder when we get down to 8 cars. Winners from previous round qualify by their reaction time. The better qualifier gets lane choice. **We will then follow the ladder for the last 3 rounds.** Ladders posted in Facebook LD Friday Night Racers group.
- **If the final can't be run for curfew or weather reasons, we will run it the following Friday (second time trial) if both racers are there. If not, they will split. They can agree to split the purse either way but that extra point/win may make all the difference at the end of the season!**

TEAM DRIVERS

- You must specify who the primary driver will be. If your co-driver wishes to race in your place at the bracket finals, the person should have driven 50% of the time. All team drivers must be registered by 6/12/26.
- **TEAM DRIVERS can't use the primary driver's number.** Put an A after it or replace the X with an A so we have you in the computer as the alternate points driver
- Team number must be on the car prior to eliminations or prior to qualifying if a ladder class. (exception only due to breakage) If your car number does not match your ET ticket, you must notify tower immediately. **Only one number must be visible to the tower** (cross out any others)

TECH

- Fill out tech card completely and neatly. You must sign the tech card if you are driving, including time trials, and if you are driving a different car.
- All drivers need to present a valid driver's license and an IHRA competition license (if necessary) when you report to tech.
- Prior to time trials, all cars must have received a pre-tech decal by passing a technical inspection. If you have a 2026 pre-tech decal on your vehicle you may report to the staging lanes with your completed tech card. If you have not been pre-teched for 2026, you must report to tech **EVERY WEEK**. If you do not report to tech and you run a time trial you will forfeit the event. Do not come to the lanes without your completed tech card!
- If you arrive after tech closes, you must contact an official to be inspected BEFORE you go down the track.
- You must finish eliminator in the same car as you begin. A driver may only compete in two classes per event unless permission is granted. It is the driver's responsibility to be in the lanes when their class runs. **IF YOU ARE NOT RETURNING FOR NEXT ROUND, PLEASE NOTIFY US ASAP!**
- If your regular racecar breaks before eliminations start in your class, you may run another car. It must be teched and have the correct car number on it. You may race in another class and transfer attendance points (not round points). Please be sure to let the tower know of the change.
- If your car DOES NOT CROSS THE HEAD OF THE LANES AND/OR DOES A BURNOUT, you can receive a credit of your entry less spectator fee (Ex: if it does not pass tech or arrives broke). You will then need to use a waiver. If it breaks after doing a burnout, you may race in another class. (ex: your tow vehicle in Street) You may transfer your attendance points but not rounds.
- All cars 6.49 and quicker must have a diaper. You will have two weeks from tech to comply. Recommended for all cars - this is for YOUR safety.
- Round Robin Racing may become necessary. Round Robin Racing: after picking up ET ticket, return to staging lanes immediately. If water or gas is needed, make sure it is in the staging lanes. WE WILL RUN WITHOUT YOU if you are not in the lanes when your class runs.

ALL CLASSES WILL BE ON AUTO START. COURTESY STAGING IS IN EFFECT

- **AUTOSTART** The second car in has **10 seconds** to stage. Refer to the WDRA rulebook for more info (under starting system)
 - PLEASE WAIT UNTIL BOTH VEHICLES ARE PRE-STAGED TO STAGE
 - STARTER MAY INTERVENE WHEN APPROPRIATE
 - **IF YOU TAKE THE TREE, YOU ACCEPT YOUR OPPONENTS'S ACTIONS**
 - IF YOU DO NOT TAKE THE TREE, THE STARTER WILL BACK THE OTHER DRIVER OUT TO RESTAGE.

DEEP STAGING

We will not give extra time to a driver that is deep staging. If you want to deep stage, please make every effort to stage first. You will be considered fully staged when the stage light is on. Special allowances for deep stagers WILL NOT be made by the starter and/or starting system.

- **From the IHRA rulebook:** "Deep staging is the sole responsibility of the driver. Special allowances for deep stagers do NOT need to be made by the starter and/or starting system." *Deep stagers may light both prestage and stage as "prestaged"*

DRIVING RECKLESSLY ON TRACK GROUNDS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

- No antifreeze allowed in race cars (Street legal cars are exempt from this rule).
- All vehicles must have one working taillight for night operation in order to pass tech.
- Speed limit in pits, on oval, in staging lanes and on the return road after ET shack is 10 mph.
- Burnouts in burnout box only. Maximum stationary burnout is 6 seconds. No power burnouts over the line (except supercharged cars). Cars without front brakes may coast over line once.

IN THE EVENT OF AN ON-TRACK ACCIDENT, DO NOT LEAVE THE PIT AREA. NO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS ALLOWED.

PIT VEHICLES

- Must have competition numbers displayed. Pit vehicles are for racing purposes only!
- Must be driven by person with a valid driver's license
- **No One under the age of 16 should be operating ANY vehicle including bicycles, skateboards and golf carts during racing**
- NO RECKLESS ACTIONS WILL BE TOLERATED. PLEASE HELP US TO ENFORCE THIS.
- MISUSE OF TOW VEHICLES WILL RESULT IN THE OFFENDING DRIVERS REFUSAL OF THIS PRIVILEGE. FIRST OFFENSE MAY BE A WARNING. SECOND OFFENSE IS IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE DRIVER WHOSE CAR THE VEHICLE IS WITH

RESTRICTED AREAS

- No one under the age of 14 is allowed in restricted areas.
- RESTRICTED AREAS ARE: Area past the head of the staging area, burnout and adjacent areas, starting line, drag strip and shutdown area, return road to point of entry into pits
- CREW: **Please do not stand in the center of the track** – you obstruct the computer operator's view and it's a safety concern. Limit of 2 crewmembers per car - Please leave the area immediately after your vehicle crosses finish line. If you are with more than one car, you must wait on the side.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL IN RESTRICTED AREAS.**

STAGING LANES

- During TT's, left lane = LANE 1, right lane= LANE 2. If you have a lane preference, make sure you are in the staging lanes early. You must go to the lane the staging director sends you to. If there is a single lane of cars, the first car gets lane choice and the other car takes the other lane. The number of time trials will be determined at the discretion of the Race Director, based on time restriction.
- YOU MUST STAY IN THE STAGING LANE THAT YOU ENTER. "Cherry picking" or "Duck hunting" will not be tolerated. If we suspect you of it, you will be dealt with accordingly.

RESERVED PIT PARKING

- You may not park in a paid spot without permission from the person who reserved it for the season. **Points members will be given preference for reserved spots.** Pit spots are labeled with a sign on the fence (in the "hot car" pits) or a stenciled "reserved" on the pavement
- Reserved Pit spots are for point events only. Tuesday night reserved spots are good weekly (except for Go-Max Memorial Race).

ELECTRONICS

- All classes - stutter boxes are illegal
- **TOP** - Delay boxes, Trans brakes, Two steps, and playback tachs are permitted. Air throttles, used as launch control devices, are permitted. Factory (OEM) installed computers will be permitted, but laptop computers while in competition are prohibited.
- "timed down track throttle stops", on board computers and data recorders are allowed at LD in the weekly program, but are prohibited at the Team Finals. This rule is subject to the Race Director's discretion.
- **MOD** - Delay boxes and/or air throttles are prohibited. Trans brakes and 2 steps are permitted
- **STREET** - Electronics, Delay boxes, Air throttles, Trans brakes, and Two steps are prohibited. Door cars only.
- **BIKES/SLEDS** - Delay boxes and any delay devices are prohibited

DIAL INS

- DIAL-INS MUST BE ON THE CAR BEFORE YOU CROSS THE YELLOW LINE AT THE HEAD OF THE STAGING LANES. IF A DELAY OF RACE OCCURS BECAUSE YOU ARE PUTTING DIALS ON, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.

- **Dial-ins and car numbers must be clearly visible to the tower. If a delay of race occurs more than once because we can't read your dial, you are subject to disqualification.**
- Class dial-ins must be on BOTH sides of the vehicle. Dial-ins must be on the passenger side of the windshield and passenger side window. Dial-ins and car numbers must be a minimum of 6 inches tall.
- **Only one class and car number should be visible to the tower. Cross out or cover all others!**
- The driver must check both his dial-in and his opponent's dial-in as posted on the scoreboards before staging. The dial-ins will be on the starting line display boards and the scoreboards.
- If dial-ins are incorrect, DO NOT STAGE. Starter will correct the dial-ins. **WHEN YOU STAGE, YOU ACCEPT ALL RACE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING YOUR OPPONENT'S DIAL IN AND THE WEATHER!** Do not complain about wrong handicaps after the run. The time to address any problem is before you stage, not after the race has started.
- **PLEASE BE AWARE OF WHERE THE FINISH LINE IS** overdriving the finish line will be grounds for a warning and repeat offenders may be disqualified.

PAYOUT

It is critical for ALL drivers to have a W9 on file so you can receive your payout. Payout will be in cash the night of the race. On nights we must split, it may be the following race night.

2026 IHRA SUMMIT TEAM FINALS

- The Summit finals will be held at Daryana (Dragway 42) September 17-20.
- You must be a Point member to represent LD @ the 2026 Summit Team Finals.
- **YOU MUST FILE AN APPLICATION TO GO BY August 14.** Please let us know as soon as possible.
- Points for positions at Summit finals will end 8/14/26.
- The number of cars from each class will be determined by the number of cars that join the points (in Top, Mod, Bikes/Sleds, Junior Dragsters and Street) We will announce the number of cars in each class that qualify for the team on June 12. If the top cars in each class decline to go, the track will fill the open spots based on the applications filed.

SUMMIT SPORTSMAN DRAG RACING SERIES

- You must register with WDRA and be in our points program to be in the SSDR2.
- By participating in the SSDRS program you agree to represent LD at the Team Finals and at the World Finals in the SSDRS runoff. If you do not go, the 2nd place will become our SSDRS Champion
- On August 22, the driver in each SSDRS class (Box, No-Box, Motorcycle, Sportsman) with the highest number of points will be the LD winner.
- Attendance points and rounds won by team drivers do not count.
- Ties for winner will be broken by number of wins, runner-up finishes, etc. If two are tied it will be broken by a runoff.





TOP 8 CLASS

- Every "Box" car runs in TOP Eliminator (\$50 entry) during time trials
- All must run with TOP during time trials to qualify

TOP 8 will consist of:

- Quickest 4 open cars (dragsters and center steer)
- Quickest 4 door cars (door cars and left steer)
- After you qualify, pay additional \$50
- If you choose not to participate, we will go to the next eligible
- Ladder will be random pairings round one - washers drawn in tower
- Qualifiers must dial no slower than the last qualifier in their category
- The "TOP 8" will run after TOP rounds 1, 2, 3
- Round one losers may buy back into TOP (\$25 buybacks round 2)
- Winner of "TOP 8" \$400, runner-up \$200
- Semi-finalists of "TOP 8" (round 1 winners) \$50
- "TOP 8" winner may re-enter TOP in round 4
 - Please notify the tower if you are NOT returning
- "TOP 8" participants will earn points if registered in TOP points

Cutoff ET is 5.99 Drivers must enter Top 8 (in the tower) immediately after round 2 of qualifying.

If you do not confirm within 10 minutes after end of Top Q#2, the spots go up for grabs.

If we do not have 8 by the time we call Top to the lanes for round 1, it will be cancelled and Top 8 entry refunded.

2026 WEEKLY PURSE								
Top 8 – quickest 4 dragsters/4 doorcars in TOP, additional \$50 payable in tower (5.99 & quicker)								
If we do not have 8 entries by the time we call Top Round 1 to the lanes, we will refund the \$50								
WINNER	\$400	TOP 8 winner may drop into round 4 of TOP						
RUNNER-UP	\$200	Round 1 losers of TOP 8 may buy back into TOP (\$25)						
SEMIS	\$50							
TOP	Entry fee \$60					Buyback \$25		
	17-31	32-41*	42-65	66+				
WINNER	\$475	\$675	\$800	\$1000				
RUNNER UP	\$250	\$325	\$400	\$500		* If>38, \$700 to win		
SEMIS	\$125	\$125	\$200	\$250				
QTRS	\$50	\$50	\$75	\$125				
				\$45				
MOD	Entry fee \$50				Buyback \$20			
	17-31		32-41		42-65		66+	
WINNER	325		450		600		600	
RUNNER-UP	175		225		300		325	
SEMIS	75		80		150		125	
QTRS			50		50		75	
EIGHTHS							45	
BIKES/SLEDS	All run entry fee \$50			STREET Entry fee \$35 buyback \$15				
	5-8	9-16	17-32		0-12	12-16	17-32	33+
WINNER	\$125	\$200	\$325	WINNER	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$300
RUNNER-UP	\$ 60	\$100	\$175	R-UP	\$50	\$ 75	\$100	\$150
SEMIS	\$ 40	\$ 60	\$75	SEMIS	\$25	\$35	\$50	\$75
				QTRS			\$30	\$40

POINT FUND 2026					
	TOP	MOD	SLEDS/ BIKES	JR DRAGSTER	STREET
POINTS FEE	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$35	\$75
CHAMPION	\$1200	\$1200	\$750	\$200	\$400
2	\$600	\$600	\$300	\$100	\$200
3	\$300	\$300	\$150	\$75	\$100
4	\$300	\$300	\$150	\$75	\$75
5	\$175	\$175	\$100	\$50	\$75
6	\$100	\$100		\$50	
7-8	\$100 each	\$100 each		(7-10) \$25 each	
TOTAL	\$2875	\$2875	\$1450	\$650	\$850