

2026 Season Rules



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GENERAL RULES:

Questions, concerns or problems during the race should be directed to the onsite Management Team of NHRDA, LLC.

In the matter of interpretation, the decision of the onsite Management Team of NHRDA is final.

NHRA RULES GOVERNING SAFETY AND LICENSING

NHRDA events are conducted at **NHRA** and IHRA member tracks. Competitors are expected to comply with NHRA rules governing vehicle configuration for the appropriate speed or E.T. of the vehicle including chassis certification, personal safety and licensing requirements as specified by the major sanctioning body. Host track tech inspectors have authority to ensure such rules are enforced.

BEHAVIOR

A responsible, professional and sportsmanlike behavior is expected of all racers, crew members, and spectators. **Conduct of a crew member is the responsibility of the racer.** Abusive or aggressive behavior towards any track official or employee will not be tolerated, and may result in (but not limited to) disqualification of a racer and loss of points for that day's race.

Fighting, including shoving, kicking, throwing punches, or other physical contact, while on the event premises will not be tolerated. Consequences may include disqualification of parties involved, loss of points for that day's race, and may result in suspension of racing privileges and/or admission to the facility for a length of time determined by the NHRDA management team.

ENTRY FEE AND PAYOUT

At each event the following minimum payouts will be in effect:

Class Payout	Entry	Winner	Runner-Up	Semi's	Class Purse (Up to)
Top Diesel	\$200	\$2500	\$1200	\$500	\$4200
Pro Mod	\$200	\$2500	\$1200	\$500	\$4200
Pro Street	\$150	\$2000	\$1200	\$500	\$3700
5.90 Index Super Street	\$150	\$1500	\$1000	\$500	\$3000
6.70 Index	\$100	\$1250	\$800	\$400	\$2450
7.70 Index Super Diesel	\$60	\$1000	\$500	\$250	\$1750
Sportsman (ET Bracket)	\$60	\$1000	\$500	\$250	\$1750
Pro Mod Semi	\$200	\$2500	\$1200	\$500	\$4200
Hot Rod Semi	\$200	\$2500	\$1200	\$500	\$4200
Big Rig Bracket	\$100	\$1250	\$800	\$400	\$2450
			Max Purse Total		\$31900

1. Entry fee is for one tech card to race one vehicle by one driver. Does not include admission to the event.

Individual events may have more classes than those listed above. Those classes are separate from the NHRDA sanctioned classes and may have different payouts as advertised by the promoter of the event.

Individual events may *increase* payouts beyond what is listed in the preceding table.

NHRDA DECAL PLACEMENT

NHRDA Class and Series Decals must be placed on the vehicle as specified or the vehicle will not be allowed in competition. The Class Decals must be in the lower passenger side of the front windshield. The NHRDA Series Decal must be on the lower passenger side of the rear window.

RAIN OUT POLICY FOR RACERS

1. There are **NO CASH REFUNDS** if an event is affected by weather, blackout, or any other problem that prevents the completion of a race.
2. If a race is cancelled before any elimination rounds, 20 points will be awarded to all racers that have purchased and turned in their tech card to the NHRDA.
3. If eliminations have begun and the race canceled, the race will be considered **finished**, and the prize money will be divided among those racers left in competition. **Points will be awarded according to individual round wins.

**Example: The 3rd round started with 20 vehicles in the class. After 3 pairs (6 vehicles) raced, the event was canceled. All racers left in competition, NOT including the three racers who lost in that round, will split the prize money equally.

CLASS RULES

1. Competition is open to diesel-powered vehicles only.
2. A vehicle entered in a **Super Street 5.90**, may be allowed to enter multiple classes so long as the following conditions are understood:
 - A. The vehicle must meet or exceed class safety requirements
 - B. It is the driver's responsibility to make the call to the lanes. We will not "wait" or postpone the show.
 - C. Driver/Crew understands there will be no extra cooldown time given.
3. All **Pro classes**, including Super Street 5.90, must utilize an **NHRA accepted lower engine oil-retention device**; may use a belly pan in lieu of a device attached to the engine. The belly pan must extend from framerail to framerail and extend forward of the harmonic balancer and rearward to rear engine plate and must incorporate a minimum 2-inch-high lip on all sides. A nonflammable, oil-absorbent liner mandatory inside of a retention device. See **NHRA General Regulations 1:8**.
4. For all NHRDA classes, except for Sportsman Bracket, all vehicles will be required to have **exhausts turned upward**.
5. In all classes, refer to the **2026 NHRA Rulebook** for applicable vehicle/driver requirements based on individual E.T. and/or M.P.H. performance. Some NHRA rules are referenced here for ease of lookup.

1. **This category is open to:** Dragsters/Funny Car/Altered with a **maximum weight of 3600 lbs.** Racing in this category will be heads up. Must have qualified at an event during 2025 season or Qualify (5.00 or quicker in 1/8mi)
2. **Distance:** Runs on 1/8th mile
3. **SFI Chassis certification:** Chassis certification is required per NHRA guidelines. ET and weight limit restrictions on chassis certification enforced in this category. Proper certification based on vehicle type in category per SFI/NHRA specifications.
4. **Tree:** .4 Pro
5. **AutoStart:** 7 seconds
6. **Delay:** 1.2 seconds
7. **Qualifying:** Based on E.T. In the event of a tie, the first occurrence takes precedence.
8. **Ladder:** A progressive Pro Ladder based on E.T. will be used. ****TOP 16 Qualifiers advance to Eliminations****
9. **Lane Choice:** Determined by prior round E.T.
10. **Data recorders:** Permitted. See general regulations 9:2 & 9:10.
11. **Delay boxes:** Permitted, All direct wiring must be clearly identifiable to the tech inspector. See general regulations 8:2 for more information.
12. **Trans-brake:** Permitted.
13. **Automated shifter:** Permitted.
14. **Throttle Control:** Permitted.
15. **Engines:** For all inline engines there must be one cable totally surrounding the engine block and head. The cable will be a minimum of 3/8" diameter stranded stainless steel and located between the first and second cylinders. Cable must pass through the manifold areas. Cable will have four (4) to six (6) inches of slack. There will be a minimum of four (4) clamps at all splices
16. **Turbocharger:** to limit turbine wheel ejection, 2 bolts are installed 90° to each other within one inch of each other and within 4 inches from exhaust housing flange. Bolts must be a minimum of 5/16 grade 5.
- Compressor Blanket encouraged- Not mandatory
17. **Switches & buttons:** All switches and/or buttons must be standard mechanical connection type. Infrared laser, retinal scan, fingerprint, light source or any other non-mechanical type switch and/or button prohibited.
18. **NHRA license:** Class 3 AdvET/TD "type A or B depending on wheelbase" required for 1/4 mile <7.50 or 1/8 mile <4.50 – **OR** - Class 6 ET "A or B" required for 1/4 mile >7.50 or 1/8 mile >4.50
19. **Tow Vehicles:** Tow vehicles are permitted
20. **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS-** See **NHRA** Quick reference guide on page 13 for specific ET MPH safety requirements

1. This category includes full-bodied vehicles either 2WD or 4WD. Vehicles in this category will race **HEADS UP**. This category will have a **MINIMUM Weight of 2350lb and a MAXIMUM weight of 3800lb (+/- 1% with driver)** Must have qualified at an event during 2025 season or Qualify (5.50 or quicker in 1/8mi)
2. **Distance:** Runs 1/8th mile
3. **SFI Chassis certification:** required per NHRA guidelines, ET and weight limit restrictions on chassis certification enforced in this category.
4. **Tree:** .4 Pro
5. **AutoStart:** 7 seconds
6. **Delay:** 1.2 seconds
8. **Qualifying:** Based on E.T. Based on E.T. In the event of a tie, the first occurrence takes precedence.
9. **Ladder:** A progressive Pro Ladder based on E.T. will be used. ****TOP 16 Qualifiers advance to Eliminations****
10. **Lane Choice:** Determined by prior round E.T.
11. **Data recorders:** Permitted. See general regulations 9:2 & 9:10.
12. **Delay boxes:** Permitted, All direct wiring must be clearly identifiable to the tech inspector. See general regulations 8:2 for more information.
13. **Trans-brake:** Permitted.
14. **4-wheel line lock:** Permitted.
15. **Automated shifter:** Permitted.
16. **Throttle Control:** Permitted.
17. **Turbocharger:** to limit turbine wheel ejection, 2 bolts are installed 90° to each other within one inch of each other and within 4 inches from exhaust housing flange. Bolts must be a minimum of 5/16 grade 5.
 - Turbo compressor blanket suggested- not mandatory
18. **Switches & Buttons:** All switches and/or buttons must be standard mechanical connection type. Infrared laser, retinal scan, fingerprint, light source or any other non-mechanical type switch and/or button Prohibited.
19. **NHRA License:** Class 3 Adv ET/TD “type A or B depending on wheelbase” required for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile <7.50 or $\frac{1}{8}$ mile <4.50 – **OR** - Class 6 ET “A or B” required for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile >7.50 or $\frac{1}{8}$ mile >4.50
20. **Tow Vehicles:** Tow vehicles are permitted
21. **Fire Suppression System:** Vehicle Must have fire suppression system installed. Minimum of 2 nozzles. 1 at drivers feet. 1 at the engine bay.
22. **Safety Requirements:** See NHRA Quick reference guide on page 13 for specific ET MPH safety requirements.

This category includes full-bodied vehicles with a **Minimum weight- 4200 & maximum weight of 5000 lbs (+/- 1% with driver)** Must have qualified at an event during 2025 season or Qualify (6.00 or quicker in 1/8mi)

1. **Securely mounted ballast permitted:** Maximum of 250 pounds per NHRA guidelines
2. **Distance:** Runs only on 1/8th mile regardless of track
3. **SFI Chassis certification:** 25.6 certified cage or better required
4. **Tree:** .4 Pro
5. **AutoStart:** 7 seconds
6. **Delay:** 1.2 seconds
7. **Qualifying:** Based on E.T. In the event of a tie, the first occurrence takes precedence.
8. **Ladder:** A progressive Pro Ladder based on E.T. will be used. ****TOP 16 Qualifiers advance to Eliminations****
9. **Lane Choice:** Determined by prior round E.T.
10. **Data recorders:** Permitted. See general regulations 9:2 & 9:10.
11. **Delay boxes:** Permitted, All direct wiring must be clearly identifiable to the tech inspector. See general regulations 8:2 for more information.
12. **Trans-brake:** Permitted.
13. **4-wheel line lock:** Permitted.
14. **Automated shifter:** Permitted.
15. **Throttle Control:** Permitted.
16. **Turbocharger:** to limit turbine wheel ejection, 2 bolts are installed 90° to each other within one inch of each other and within 4 inches from exhaust housing flange. Bolts must be a minimum of 5/16 grade 5.
 - Turbo compressor blanket suggested- not mandatory
17. **Switches & buttons:** All switches and/or buttons must be standard mechanical connection type. Infrared laser, retinal scan, fingerprint, light source or any other non-mechanical type switch and/or button prohibited.
20. **NHRA license:** Class 6 ET “type A or B depending on wheelbase” required for 4.50 seconds and up
21. **Tow vehicles:** Tow vehicles are permitted
22. **Fire Suppression System:** Vehicle must have fire suppression system installed. Minimum of 2 nozzles. 1 at the drivers feet and 1 at the engine bay.
23. **Safety Requirements:** See **NHRA** quick reference guide on page 13 for specific ET/ MPH safety requirements.

1. **This class is open to any diesel powered vehicle**
2. **Distance:** Runs only on 1/8th mile regardless of track
3. **SFI Chassis certification:** required per **NHRA** guidelines under 6.40 seconds. Specific chassis certification required based on vehicle type entering category.
4. **For Stock bodied vehicles:** A roll cage is mandatory See General Regulations 4:4, 4:11, 10:6.
5. **ROLL-CAGE PADDING:** Roll-cage padding meeting SFI Spec 45.1 mandatory. Padding must be used anywhere the driver's helmet may come in contact with roll-cage components. See **NHRA** General Regulations 4:11, 10:6.
6. **Tree:** .4 Pro
7. **AutoStart:** 7 seconds
8. **Delay:** 1.2 seconds
9. **Qualifying:** Based on E.T. In the event of a tie, the first occurrence takes precedence. ****TOP 16 Qualifiers advance to Eliminations****
10. **Ladder:** A progressive Pro Ladder based on E.T. will be used.
11. **Lane Choice:** Determined by prior round E.T.
12. **Data recorders:** Permitted. See general regulations 9:2 & 9:10.
13. **Delay boxes:** Permitted, All direct wiring must be clearly identifiable to the tech inspector. See general regulations 8:2 for more information.
14. **Trans-brake:** Permitted.
15. **4-wheel line lock:** Permitted.
16. **Automated shifter:** Permitted.
17. **Throttle Control:** Permitted.
18. **Turbocharger:** to limit turbine wheel ejection, 2 bolts are installed 90° to each other within one inch of each other and within 4 inches from exhaust housing flange. Bolts must be a minimum of 5/16 grade 5.
19. **Switches & buttons:** All switches and/or buttons must be standard mechanical connection type. Infrared laser, retinal scan, fingerprint, light source or any other non-mechanical type switch and/or button prohibited.
20. **NHRA license:** Class 6 ET "type A or B depending on wheelbase" required for 1/4 mile >7.50 or 1/8 mile >4.50
21. **Tow vehicles:** Tow vehicles are permitted in OUTLAW 5.90.
22. **Fire Suppression System:** Vehicle Must have fire suppression system installed. Minimum of 2 nozzles. 1 at drivers feet. 1 at the engine bay.
23. **Safety Requirements:** See **NHRA** Quick reference guide on page for specific ET MPH safety requirements.

6.70 INDEX

1. **Distance:** Runs on 1/8th mile
2. **Chassis:** roll bar or cage required per NHRA guidelines
3. **Tree:** .5 Pro
4. **AutoStart:** 10 seconds
5. **Delay:** 1.2 seconds
6. **Qualifying:** Based on E.T. In the event of a tie, the first occurrence takes precedence. E.T. 's Below Index moves to the bottom of the ladder. **The top 16 in qualifying will move on to the main event.**
7. **Ladder:** A progressive Pro Ladder based on E.T. will be used. ****TOP 16 Qualifiers advance to Eliminations****
8. **Lane Choice:** Determined by prior round E.T.
9. **Turbocharger-** Aftermarket turbo requires blanket 3.2a1
10. **Data recorders:** Permitted. See general regulations 9:2 & 9:10.
11. **Delay boxes:** NOT Permitted.
12. **Trans-brake:** Permitted.
13. **4-wheel line lock:** Permitted.
14. **Automated shifter:** Permitted.
15. **Throttle Control:** Permitted.
16. **Switches & buttons:** All switches and/or buttons must be standard mechanical connection type. Infrared laser, retinal scan, fingerprint, light source or any other non-mechanical type switch and/or button prohibited.
17. **Tow vehicles:** Tow vehicles are prohibited
18. **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:** See **NHRA** Quick reference guide on page for specific ET MPH safety requirements.

7.70 INDEX Super Diesel

7.70 index on 1/8th mile

1. **Distance:** 1/8th Mile
2. **Tree:** .5 Pro
3. **AutoStart:** 10 seconds
4. **Delay:** 1.2 seconds
5. **Qualifying:** Based on E.T. In the event of a tie, the first occurrence takes precedence. E.T. Below Index move to the bottom of the ladder. ****TOP 16 Qualifiers advance to Eliminations****
6. **Ladder:** A progressive Pro Ladder based on E.T. will be used. **(Top 16 of qualifying)**
7. **Lane Choice:** Determined by prior round E.T.
8. **Data recorders:** Permitted. See general regulations 9:2 & 9:10.
9. **Delay boxes:** NOT Permitted.
10. **Turbocharger**-Aftermarket turbo requires blanket 3.2a1
11. **Trans-brake:** Permitted.
12. **4-wheel line lock:** Permitted.
13. **Automated shifter:** Permitted.
14. **Throttle Control:** Permitted.
15. **Switches & buttons:** All switches and/or buttons must be standard mechanical connection type. Infrared laser, retinal scan, fingerprint, light source or any other non-mechanical type switch and/or button prohibited.
16. **Tow vehicles:** Tow vehicles are prohibited

Sportsman

1. 9.90 and up on 1/4 mile and 6.40 and up on 1/8 mile
2. **Distance:** 1/8th mile
3. **Tree:** .5 Full Tree
4. **AutoStart:** 10 seconds
5. **Delay:** 1.2 seconds
6. **Crosstalk:** off
7. **Qualifying:** Not Applicable
8. **Ladder:** May be implemented when vehicle counts still in eliminations are under 8 (quarterfinals) at the discretion of NHRDA and track management. A progressive sportsman ladder by prior round reaction time should be used with no regard for previous bye-runs. All further bye-runs determined by ladder.
9. **Delay Boxes, trans-brakes, 4-wheel line locks,** Prohibited.
10. **Automated shifter:** Prohibited unless OEM.

11. **Throttle control:** Throttle must be manually operated by the driver's foot unless OEM. Electronics, pneumatics, hydraulics or any other device may in no way affect the throttle operation (other than OEM). Deadstop under accelerator pedals is permitted. Throttle timers, staging controllers, counters prohibited.
12. **Line lock:** 2-wheel line locks permitted on non-drive wheels only.
13. **OEM electronics, tachometer, single stage (high side only) rev limiters:** Permitted.
14. **Switches & buttons:** All switches and/or buttons must be standard mechanical connection type. Infrared laser, retinal scan, fingerprint, light source or any other non-mechanical type switch and/or button prohibited.
15. **Tow vehicles:** Tow vehicles are prohibited

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1. Heads-Up class (1/4 mile)
2. 4/10ths Pro Tree
3. Pro ladder by ET
4. Lane choice by quickest ET
5. Auto Start on (7 seconds)
6. Must have a current NHRDA membership, competition number and class abbreviation on vehicle
7. NHRDA & Hot Shot's Secret decals must be displayed on both sides of the vehicle and be in plain view
8. Must run 12.99 or faster to enter competition in the HS class (Vehicle must be legal to run 12.99 or faster)
9. Roll cage is mandatory on any truck running 12.99 seconds or quicker on the 1/4 mile. Roll cage configuration must follow Full
10. Bodied configuration found in the NHRA Rulebook. Any truck running 12.99 seconds and quicker must be inspected by NHRA and have a 2024 Exhibition Vehicle Rulebook Supplement 6 valid NHRA Sportsman Chassis Certification sticker
11. Affixed to the roll cage prior to participation, on a two-year interval. Tubing size: minimum 1 5/8-inch x .083-inch chromoly; or 1 5/8-inch x .118-inch mild steel.
12. Drivers in trucks running 12.99 seconds or quicker must wear a jacket meeting SFI Spec 3.2A/1
13. HS trucks running 120mph or faster may require a parachute (optional)
14. This category is reserved for 18-wheeler, class 8 truck, over-the-road-type trucks only.
15. The body must resemble a class 8 truck. Can be original or replica. Must have a cab, hood, and grill. (Hood must at least cover
16. The top of the engine completely
17. Must weigh a minimum of 9500lbs
18. Engine, transmission, and differential must be from a class 8 truck. (Minimum 9.6 liter engine or bigger). Any internal modifications permitted. Nitrous oxide, Supercharger, turbochargers, water injection, etc.
19. The engine must be in front of the firewall and engine set back not to be greater than 12 inches from center of front axle to harmonic balancer.
20. Factory class 8 truck frame rails only. must be a minimum 1/4 inch thick and 90% of it 9 1/2 inch wide.
21. Tire minimum front, 19.5 tubeless
22. Tire minimum rear 22.5 tubeless, slick tires permitted.
23. Windshield, door window OEM safety glass or Lexan or Plexiglas replacement permitted
24. Batteries must be securely mounted; may not be in the driver's compartment.
25. Four-wheel hydraulic or air brakes are mandatory. Air brake systems must have sufficient air-tank capacity to always maintain minimum 65 psi of pressure. Dual air line maxi chambers required for air brakes.
26. Stock-type front suspension required. Must be a beam-type axle with leaf springs. rear suspension can be 4 link etc on stock frame rails only.
27. Any Tube Chassis are prohibited

28. All exhaust must exit up and away from race vehicles with (2) 5/16 grade 5 bolts at 90 degrees to each other within 1inch of
29. Each other and within 4 inches from the exhaust house flange.
30. Auto Trans reverse lockout and neutral safety required on Auto Trans. All Auto trans must have tranny blanket or shield
31. Manual transmissions must have blanket around clutch area
32. Engine coolant overflow required
33. Engine catch can required
34. Engine belly pan or diaper required under oil pan
35. Working taillight required.
36. Drive line loop required
37. Helmet meeting Snell M2015, M2020, SA2015, SA2020 or SFI 31.1/2015, 31.1/2020, 41.1/2015 or 41.1/2020
38. 3inch driver restraint system meeting SFI Spec 16.1 or two inch meeting SFI Spec. 16.5, including crotch strap, mandatory
39. Master electrical cutoff required if battery

1. Heads-Up class (1/4 mile)
2. 4/10ths Pro Tree
3. Pro ladder by ET
4. Lane choice by quickest ET
5. Auto Start on (7 seconds)
6. Must have competition number and class abbreviation on vehicle
7. NHRDA & Hot Shot's Secret decals must be displayed on both sides of the vehicle and be in plain view
8. The body must resemble a class 8 truck. Can be original or replica. Must have a cab and grill.
9. Must run 12.99 or quicker
10. Roll cage is mandatory on any truck running 12.99 seconds 1/4 mile or quicker. Roll cage configuration must follow Full Bodied configuration found in the NHRA Rulebook. Any truck running 12.99 seconds 1/4 mile and quicker must be inspected by **NHRA** and have a 2024 Exhibition Vehicle Rulebook Supplement 6 valid NHRA Sportsman Chassis Certification sticker affixed to the roll cage prior to participation, on a two-year interval. Tubing size: minimum: 1 3/4-inch x .095-inch chromoly only. No mild steel permitted.
11. Any frame rails permitted. Tube chassis must meet roll cage material specifications and have **NHRA** certification.
12. Drivers in trucks running 12.99 seconds 1/4 mile or quicker must wear a jacket meeting SFI Spec 3.2A/5.
13. This category is reserved for 18-wheeler, class 8 truck, over-the-road-type trucks only.
14. The engine must be from a class 8 truck. (Minimum 9.6 liter engine or bigger). Any internal modifications permitted. Nitrous oxide, Supercharger, turbochargers, water injection, etc.
15. Front Tire and wheel, DOT (street tires) tire(s) must meet OEM manufacturer's recommend load index
16. Rear Tire must be class 8 rated and tires can be slicks. Wheels must be minimum 22.5
17. Windshield, door window OEM safety glass or Lexan or Plexiglas replacement permitted
18. Batteries must be securely mounted; may not be in the driver's compartment.
19. Four-wheel hydraulic or air brakes are mandatory. Air brake systems must have sufficient air-tank capacity to always maintain minimum 65 psi of pressure. Dual air line maxi chambers required for air brakes.
20. Any front suspension permitted. Independent or beam style,etc.
21. All exhaust must exit up and away from the race vehicle with (2) 5/16 grade 5 bolts at 90 degrees to each other within 1inch of each other and within 4 inches from the exhaust hose flange.
22. Auto Trans reverse lockout and neutral safety required on Auto Trans. All Auto trans must have tranny blanket or shield
23. Manual transmissions must have a blanket around the clutch area.
24. Coolant Liquid overflow required
25. Engine catch can required
26. Engine belly pan or diaper required under oil pan
27. Working taillight required.

28. Drive line loop required
29. Parachute required on 120mph of faster
30. Helmet meeting Snell M2015, M2020, SA2015, SA2020 or SFI 31.1/2015, 31.1/2020, 41.1/2015 or 41.1/2020
31. 3inch driver restraint system meeting SFI Spec 16.1 or two inch meeting SFI Spec. 16.5, including crotch strap, mandatory
32. Master electrical cutoff required if battery is moved from non-OEM position. (Cutoff must be located at the rear of the vehicle and outside of the body)

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Big Rig Bracket

1. Bracket racing class
2. 5/10ths Full Tree
3. Dial time of 14.00 seconds or slower
4. Ladder at 16 or less
5. Sportsman ladder by RT
6. Auto Start is on (10 seconds)
7. Lane choice by best reaction time
8. Must have a current NHRDA membership, competition number and class abbreviation on vehicle
9. NHRDA & Hot Shot's Secret decals must be displayed on both sides of the vehicle and be in plain view
10. This category is reserved for 18-wheeler, over-the-road-type trucks only. Pickups, passenger cars, vans, etc. are prohibited.
11. Weight limitation of 18,000 Maximum
12. Minimum front tire, 10.00 x 20-inch or tubeless equivalent. Wheels must be OEM for use on 18-wheeler-type trucks.
13. Pants, Sleeved t-shirt and shoes required
14. Auto Trans reverse lockout and neutral safety required on Auto Trans
15. Liquid overflow required
16. Working taillight required. Flashing ,blinking , or strobe lights prohibited
17. 4 wheel hydraulic or Air brakes mandatory. Air brakes must have air-tank capacity to always maintain minimum 65 psi.
18. Stock-type suspension required. Must be a beam-type axle with leaf springs.
19. Seatbelt required and must be worn during competition
20. Note – some tracks we compete at do require helmets for all competitors, make sure to contact NHRDA or track to verify. If helmet is required then must meet Snell M2015, M2020, SA2015, SA2020 or SFI 31.1/2015, 31.1/2020, 41.1/2015 or 41.1/2020

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CHASSIS CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES

Roll BAR

Roll bar mandatory in all cars (including T-tops) running 11.00 (*7.00) to 11.49 (*7.35), in convertibles running 11.00 (*7.00) to 13.49 (*8.25), and in all dune-buggy-type vehicles running 12.00 (*7.50) seconds and slower. Permitted in all cars. See General Regulations 4:10, 10:6. [*** = 1/8 mile times**]

Roll Cage

A roll cage is mandatory in cars running 10.99 (*6.99) or quicker or any car exceeding 135 mph. In full-bodied cars, with unaltered firewall, floor, and body (from firewall rearward, wheel tubs permitted), running between 10.00 (*6.40) and 10.99 (*6.99), roll bar permitted in place of roll cage. In convertibles running 10.99 or quicker or exceeding 135 mph, roll cage mandatory. See General Regulations 4:4, 4:11, 10:6.

Roll- cage padding

Roll-cage padding meeting SFI Spec 45.1 mandatory on any vehicle running 9.99 (*6.39) and quicker. Padding must be used anywhere the driver's helmet may come in contact with roll-cage components. See General Regulations 4:11, 10:6.

All vehicles running quicker than 10.00 (*6.40) seconds must have a valid chassis certification sticker.

DRAGSTERS

SFI Spec 2.1A Rear Engine Dragster (Top Alcohol/Methanol) – 5.99 Seconds & Quicker

SFI Spec 2.2C Front Engine Dragster – 5.99 Seconds & Quicker

SFI Spec 2.3Q Rear Engine Dragster (Top Fuel) – 4.99 Seconds & Quicker

SFI Spec 2.4C Front Engine Dragster – 6.00 to 7.49 Seconds

SFI Spec 2.5C Rear Engine Dragster – 6.00 to 7.49 Seconds

SFI Spec 2.6A Front Engine Dragster – 7.50 Seconds & Slower

SFI Spec 2.7C Rear Engine Dragster – 7.50 Seconds & Slower

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SFI Spec 10.1E Funny Car Roll Cage (Alcohol, Advanced ET, Nostalgia, etc.)

SFI Spec 10.2 Altered Car Roll Cage – 6.00 to 7.49 Seconds

SFI Spec 10.3 Altered Car Roll Cage – 7.50 Seconds & Slower

SFI Spec 10.4 Side Steer Roadster Roll Cage – 7.50 Seconds & Slower

SFI Spec 10.5A Nitro Fuel Funny Car Chassis – 4.99 Seconds & Quicker

FULL BODIED CARS

8.50 (*5.35) to 10.00 (*6.40) seconds – follow the guidelines in the NHRA rulebook

SFI Spec 25.1J Full Bodied Car Tube Chassis – 7.49 Seconds & Quicker; 2,800 lbs. Maximum. Effective Date: January 3, 2020

SFI Spec 25.2D Full Bodied Car Tube Chassis – 6.00 to 7.49 Seconds ET; 3,200 lbs. Maximum. Effective Date: January 3, 2020

SFI Spec 25.3C Full Bodied Car with Aftermarket Body Shell and Tube Frame, OEM Body Shell and OEM Frame with OEM or Modified Floorpan and Firewall, or Uni-Body with OEM or Modified Floorpan and Firewall Roll Cage – 6.50 to 7.49 Seconds ET; 3,600 lbs. Maximum. Effective Date: May 5, 2018

SFI Spec 25.4C Full Bodied Car Tube Chassis – 7.50 to 8.49 Seconds; 3,600 lbs. Maximum. Effective Date: May 5, 2018

SFI Spec 25.5D Full Bodied Car Stock or Modified/OEM Floorpan and Firewall with OEM Frame or Uni-Body Construction – 7.50 to 8.49 Seconds; 3,600 lbs. Maximum. Effective Date: May 5, 2018

SFI Spec 25.6 Full Bodied Car Stock / Truck or Modified/OEM Floorpan and Firewall with OEM Frame or Uni-Body Construction – 7.99 to 8.49 Seconds; 5,000 lbs. Maximum. Effective Date: August 26, 2016

NHRA QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Y = Required • C = Convertibles • Numbers Refer to General Regulations • Years Refer to SFI Expirations

- In no way is this Quick Reference Chart intended to supersede or replace the current NHRA Rulebook (quarter-mile e.t.s) Unless otherwise noted in this E.T. Quick Reference Chart, refer to SFIFoundation.com for the latest version of all non-chassis specifications. Also, unless otherwise noted in this document, refer to TechConn. NHRA.com for the latest SFI chassis specification versions. Note: Only certified NHRA chassis inspectors and authorized NHRA officials have access to TechConn.NHRA.com. An item with an expiration period must be returned to the original manufacturer for inspection and recertification at the end of this period before it can be permitted for further use at an NHRA event.

1/4 mile E.T.s	6.00 to 7.49	7.50 to 9.99	10.00 to 10.99	11.00 to 11.49	11.50 to 13.99	14.00 & Slower	Expiration
1/8 mile E.T.s	3.66 to 4.49	4.50 to 6.39	6.40 to 6.99	7.00 to 7.34	7.35 to 8.59	8.60 & slower	
Aftermarket Rear Axles	Y	Y	Y	2:11	2:11	2:11	
Arm Restraints (Open-Bodied Cars)	Y	Y	Y	Y	10:3 / 11.99	10:03	
Bellhousing (SFI 6.1; 6.2)	Y	Y	Y	Y	2:10	2:10	
Driver Restraint System (SFI 16.1; 16.5)	Y	Y	Y / 10:5	Y / 10:5	C / 10:5	10:5 / 10:11	2 years
Driveshaft Loop	Y	Y	Y	Y	2:04	2:04	
Flexplate Shield (SFI 30.1)	Y	Y	2:14	2:14	2:14	2:14	5 years
Flywheel/Clutch (SFI 1.1; 1.2)	Y	Y	Y	Y	2:05	2:05	2 years
SFI 1.1: Single-Disc Clutch & Flywheel Assembly, 1.2: Multi-Disc Clutch & Flywheel Assembly E.T. through Comp, PS							
Flywheel Shield (SFI 6.1; 6.2; 6.3; 9.1)	Y	Y	Y	Y	2:10	2:10	
SFI 6.1: Flywheel Shield, Spec 1.1 & 1.2 (2-Disc Max. or 3-Disc, 8-inch Diameter Max.)							
SFI 6.2: Flywheel Shield, Spec 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 & 1.5 Clutch (Check with Manufacturer; May Be Only 1 Year)							
Harmonic Balancer (SFI 18.1)	Y	Y	Y	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	
Head & Neck Restraint	Y	10:8 / 200 mph	10:08	10:08	10:08	10:08	5 years
Device/System (SFI 38.1)							
Helmet	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10:07	
SFI 24.1/2010; 31.1/2010; 41.1/2010; Snell 2010							
exp. 1/1/2022							
SFI 24.1/2015; 31.1/2015; 41.1/2015; Snell 2015							
exp. 1/1/2027							
Liquid Overflow	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Master Electrical Cutoff Switch	Y	Y	8:4 / 135 mph	8:04	8:04	8:04	
Neck Collar (SFI 3.3)	Y	Y	10:08	10:08	10:08	10:08	
NHRA Competition License	Y	Y	10:04	10:04	10:04	10:04	
NHRA Chassis Sticker	Y	Y	4:04	4:04	4:04	4:04	
Padding Roll Bar/Cage	Y/SFI	Y/SFI	Y/SFI	Y	10:6 / 135 mph	10:6 / 135 mph	
Parachute	Y	Y / 150 mph	4:08	4:08	4:08	4:08	
Pressurized Bottles DOT (1800)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Protective Clothing	Y	Y	Y	Y	10:10	10:10	
SFI 3.2A/15; 3.2A/20; 3.2A/25; 3.2A/30 Driver's Suit 5 years, incl. year on tag							
Roll Bar	Y	Y	C / 13.49	4:10			
Roll Cage	Y	Y	Y / 135 mph	4:11	4:11	4:11	
SFI Chassis Specification	Y	4:4 / 180 mph	4:04	4:04	4:04	4:04	
SFI 2.1; 2.2; 2.3; 10.1; 10.5; 25.1 Full Body Chassis Spec; Pro Stock							
1 year							
SFI 2.4; 2.5; 2.6; 2.7; 10.2; 10.3; 10.4; 25.1 Adv. E.T.; 25.2; 25.3; 25.4; 25.5							
3 years							
Supercharger Restraints	Y	1:11	1:11	1:11	1:11	1:11	2 years
(SFI 14.1; 14.2; 14.21; 14.3)							
Taillight	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Transmission Flexplate SFI 29.1	Y	Y	2:14	2:14	2:14	2:14	3 years
Transmission Locking-Type	Y	Y	Y				
Dipstick							
Transmission Reverse Lockout	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Transmission Shield (SFI 4.1)	Y	Y	Y	2:14	2:14	2:14	Rigid, 5 yrs.;
							Flexible, 2 yrs.
Window Net Full-Bodied Cars	Y	Y	6:3 / 10:3	6:3 / 10:3	6:3 / 10:3	6:3 / 10:3	

POINTS

ENTERING THE POINTS CHASE

All drivers competing at NHRDA-sanctioned events in classes listed in the payouts section who wish to participate in the points chase must hold a current NHRDA membership. Drivers may still compete for event payouts without an NHRDA membership; however, they will receive zero points toward the points chase.

AWARDING OF POINTS

1. Twenty points will be awarded for entering each event. Entering a points event is defined as passing tech inspection with a vehicle (appropriate for the class entered) on the day of the event turning in the tech card to the tower, and making a qualifying pass in the entered class.
2. The vehicle (and the driver) being entered must be on the premises.
3. The same vehicle cannot be used for points (or competition) by more than one driver in the same class.
4. *For all classes except Sportsman, the following points will be applied following the final round of qualifying*
 - a. #1 qualifier receives 5 points
 - b. #2 qualifier receives 3 points
 - c. #3 qualifier receives 1 point
5. For laddered classes ten points will be awarded for advancing in qualifying and making it to the elimination bracket.
6. Eleven points will be awarded for a round one win, twelve points for a round two win, and thirteen points for a round three win, and so on, with twenty points awarded for a final round win.
7. Points are awarded to a driver in a class, not the vehicle.
8. Drivers who buy-back (as rules allow) are eligible to continue to earn points for round **wins** following buy-backs.
9. Points are accumulated in a particular class for a particular racer. Points earned in a class are not transferrable to another class.
10. Licensing runs during an event may be allowed at the discretion of NHRDA race director and track management. Racer is required to purchase corresponding class tech card. No points of any kind are awarded. No class payouts will be given.

PENALTY POINTS - OIL DOWNS/EVENT DELAY

1. A racer in any of the PRO classes will be penalized 10 points for oiling down the track or any delay that creates a down time in excess of 10 minutes
2. The total penalty for the event is limited to the total number of points earned for the event.

PENALTY POINTS – NON-REPORTING OF BROKEN VEHICLE BEFORE LADDERED ELIMINATIONS

1. Any racer in a laddered class will be penalized 10 points for not reporting a breakage to the race director before eliminations begin.
2. The intent of this penalty is to create a better event for the spectators. Spectators want to see side-by-side racing action, as opposed to several competition single passes. Since the PRO and Index classes are laddered from the start of eliminations, it is necessary to inform the race director of any changes prior to the start of eliminations so that ladders are reflective of those in competition.

NHRDA CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

The top 4 finishers are expected to attend the awards banquet and will be awarded*:

Series Finisher	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Top Diesel	\$4000	\$1500	\$1000	\$6500
Pro Mod	\$3000	\$1500	\$1000	\$5500
Pro Street	\$2000	\$1500	\$1000	\$4500
Super Street	\$1800	\$1300	\$900	\$4000
6.70 Index	\$1500	\$1000	\$700	\$3200
7.70 Index Super Diesel	\$1200	\$900	\$600	\$2700
Sportsman	\$1000	\$750	\$500	\$2250
Pro Mod Semi	\$4000	\$1500	\$1000	\$6500
Hot Rod Semi	\$4000	\$1500	\$1000	\$6500
Big Rig Bracket	\$1500	\$1000	\$700	\$3200
		Championship Award Totals		\$44850

NOTES:

1. A minimum of 100 points must be accumulated for first place money, 75 points for second place, 50 for third and fourth place for awards to be paid out.
2. The owners of NHRDA, LLC in cooperation with the series sponsors respectfully request the racers' attendance at the awards ceremony for those receiving monetary awards at the banquet.

TIEBREAKER RULES

The following tiebreakers will apply, in order one at a time, until a tie can be broken:

- Number of wins
- Number of events entered
- Most points attained at any one race

CLASS RECORDS

NHRDA follows **NHRA** rules on record breaking. A record breaking pass does not have to be backed up. Upon breaking a class record the driver must take the vehicle through tech to be inspected and have the time slip signed by the NHRDA tech inspector.

NHRDA RACE EVENT RULES

Unless specifically addressed here, all other track rules apply.

ALCOHOL

This is a zero tolerance policy. No driver of a vehicle still in competition is to consume any alcoholic beverage. Any driver found to be in violation of this rule will be disqualified with points and winnings for the event forfeited and may have further suspension at the discretion of the onsite Management Team of NHRDA.

MULTIPLE CLASS ENTRY

RACERS

1. A racer may enter in multiple classes as the event rules will allow.
2. If entered in more than one **CLASS**, it is the racer's responsibility to return in time for the next round or face elimination or disqualification.

VEHICLES

1. A vehicle may be entered only once per class. No additional time consideration may be given for multiple class entries. The vehicle is expected to return to the staging lanes in a timely fashion for the next round of eliminations or be subject to disqualification.
2. A vehicle may be entered in multiple classes of E.T. Bracket or Index.

CHANGING VEHICLES

1. If a vehicle breaks in E.T. Bracket time trials, a replacement vehicle may be used in eliminations providing the vehicle being used can pass tech for the class, and is not already entered in the same class.
2. In a qualified ladder class, an alternate vehicle must make one pass during appropriate qualifying sessions. A pass consists of a minimum of the vehicle self-staging and taking the green light.
3. Once in competition, a racer may **NOT** change vehicles or utilize a substitute driver.

BUY BACKS

1. Buy backs **MAY** be allowed in the E.T. Bracket class at the discretion of the NHRDA Management Team.
2. Management will announce the buy back decision before eliminations begin.
3. Buy backs will continue to receive points for round wins after buying back. Example: a racer loses in round one and buys back into round two and wins round two is awarded 20 points for event entry and 12 points for the 2nd round win.

LADDERS

1. A pro ladder will be used in the PRO and INDEX classes
2. Ladders will be re-done for breakage prior to the first round of competition based on the following guidelines
 - a. Any time the number of rounds will change
 - b. Even if the number of rounds do not change, if more than one vehicle breaks or does not show for first round

RUNNING ORDER

1. The running order will be determined by the NHRDA Management Team in conjunction with track management.

LANE CHOICE

1. In laddered classes, quickest E.T. from the previous round will have lane choice.
2. In the bracket class, the prevailing track rules will apply.

BYE-RUNS

LADDERED CLASSES:

1. Bye-runs are determined by the ladder.

Sportsman BRACKET CLASS:

1. For the first round of eliminations, the bye-run will be determined by track rules.
2. Bye-runs **carryover** from round to round. The bye-run rule applies to every round **including the final round (unless a ladder is put into effect)**. Once used or the racer loses the subsequent bye-run will be determined by the **lowest reaction time on a winning run from the previous round** (red lights will not be considered). In the event of a tie between eligible competitors, the first competitor is awarded the bye.
3. The bye-run will be announced when calling the class to the lanes. The racer receiving the bye-run opportunity will be set aside until all same class pairs of vehicles in the staging lanes have run. If there is one vehicle remaining, the person receiving the bye-run opportunity will run the remaining vehicle.
4. Racers may receive only one bye-run per class per event, unless all remaining racers have also had a bye-run.
5. **Racers who were selected for a bye-run opportunity but were required to race the last vehicle in the class, will have lane choice** and are not considered to have had a bye-run.

SINGLE RUNS

1. On a competition single, or “bye” run, the racer must stage the vehicle under its own power and take the light.
2. The only way a racer can be disqualified is if he/she drives off the track, which includes contacting the guardrail and/or crossing the center line before the finish line.
3. The racer may red light, leave before the third amber (LB3A), break out, or not be able to complete the run, and still will be a winner in that round of competition.

COMPETITION SINGLE OR BYE-RUN

1. In order to win, and therefore advance to the next round, a bye-run or competition single must at least self-stage under its own power as stated above and take the light.
2. In example: should a bye-run vehicle not be able to self-stage in the quarter final round, the vehicle would not advance to the next round, would not receive points for that round, and would not be entitled to the quarterfinal payout.

BURNOUTS

1. There is plenty of area between the water box and the starting line for burnouts.
2. Burn-outs across the starting line are permitted in PRO classes only.
3. **No burnouts are to be done in any other non-designated areas. Penalties may include disqualification from the event and loss of points earned for the event. The event race director decision is final.**

DIAL-INS

1. Dial-ins must be visibly displayed according to track rules
2. It is the driver’s responsibility to check the accuracy of the dial in on scoreboards and notify the starting line director of any mistakes prior to pre-staging.
3. DO NOT pre-stage until the scoreboard indicates your correct dial-in. Pre-staging will indicate to the tower that you accept the dial-ins displayed on the scoreboard.
4. **If you stage on an incorrect dial-in from either competitor, it is a race.**

COURTESY STAGING

1. All competitors at points events MUST observe courtesy staging.
2. This means that you are NOT to fully stage your vehicle until your competitor has pre-staged! You will receive one warning per event during eliminations.
3. Your second infraction will result in disqualification of the round.
4. Failure to timely stage upon the starter's order is an automatic disqualification.

CROSSTALK

1. Crosstalk is **off** in the Sportsman Bracket and does not apply to other classes.

AUTO START

1. Auto Start is to be expected in all classes.
2. Auto Start typically allows 10 seconds after the first vehicle stages for the second vehicle to stage.
3. If it takes the second vehicle longer than 10 seconds to stage, the Auto Start will give the second vehicle a red light foul, resulting in disqualification.

DELAY

1. Delay refers to the time the tree is activated when all conditions are met
2. Typically set at 1.2 seconds – this is the minimum time and tree activation varies by design of the system

STAGING

1. All vehicles must self-start and self-stage (removable starters permitted as NHRA and IHRA rules allow).
2. Push-starting a vehicle or push-staging a vehicle is prohibited. This rule also applies to single runs.
3. **If you stage, you have agreed to every condition of the race and there will be no re-run, even if both drivers agree!**
4. Backing out of the staging beams for a second attempt to stage when the competitor's pre-stage and or stage beams are lit is PROHIBITED unless so ordered by the starter. Your final act of staging must be a FORWARD motion.

DEEP STAGING

1. Deep staging is allowed, but **not guaranteed**.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. If you are disqualified for an infraction of NHRA, IHRA, or track rules, your competitor will advance to the next round (and receive round points) providing your competitor is not also disqualified.
2. In the unlikely event both competitors are disqualified, **neither driver will advance**.

DISPUTED RUNS

Any disputed run, regardless of reason, must be reported to the NHRDA Management Team. **ALL NHRDA Management Team decisions will be FINAL**. Run disputes include **ONLY** the drivers involved.

RERUNS

Every race should have a winner and a loser. Sometimes, however, problems arise that are beyond our control. Should a situation occur that, **at the sole discretion of the NHRDA Management Team**, warrants such actions, BOTH vehicles will be advanced to the next round providing a ladder is not in effect and the class is not currently in a money round. **ONLY IN EXTREME SITUATIONS and at the sole discretion of the NHRDA Management Team when either a ladder system is in effect, or the class is in a money round, the affected pair will be re-run.**

The re-run must occur before the next round of the class is run.

