



**2018 IHRA "PATRIOTS"
SUMMIT TEAM FINALS**
Maryland International Raceway
September 27-Sept 30, 2018
(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.

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 15, 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 plus 1 alternate. Teams may be assembled any way the track deems appropriate as long as the total number of members in no more than 40. Alternates will be allowed to time run and run gamblers races **and must be listed on the roster**.
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 competitors must have membership and license. 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 finals. Participants and crew coming in after the posted gate closing time will have to leave vehicles at the gate and continue on foot until the posted gate opening time.
6. **TRACK CODE & VEHICLE NUMBERS** - Each participant must have a track code and number clearly and properly displayed on their vehicle. IHRA will select the track code. 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** – 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.
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.

10. RACERS - No racer may represent more than one (1) track at the team finals. 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. A racer may enter only one vehicle per class at the event. A driver can compete in both Main Event classes if listed on roster in both classes with two different vehicles. Racers are allowed to enter gamblers events in multiple classes and can compete in the same vehicle in both as long as the vehicle meets the requirements for both (Boxes must physically be removed from vehicle for no-box class).

11. SUMMIT SUPER SERIES - Any Summit SuperSeries competitor that has an IHRA membership and "X" number registered and valid according to IHRA records from at least May 1, 2018 through the 2018 Summit Team Finals event and can win the 2017 Summit Team Finals main event championship in their division will become eligible for the Summit SuperSeries World Championship race.

To be considered eligible after winning the Summit Team Finals main event, a competitor will be verified by IHRA as having met all the same program rules and eligibility requirements as required of each Summit SuperSeries track champion. These requirements are published and outlined in the Summit Super Series section of ihra.com. A 14 day renewal grace period will be granted for X number registrations that expire between May 1st and your Summit Team Finals event. If your registration is not renewed within a 14 day period from the expiration date or you fail to meet any of the posted eligibility requirements of the program, the main event winner will not be eligible for the Summit Super Series World Championship. In addition, should a main event winner fail to meet the eligibility requirements, the main event runner-up is not eligible to take their place.

12. TRACK OPERATORS RACE - Will be open to track owners or operators or representatives from each track. Event will be run contested on pit vehicles to the 330'. Any vehicle deemed unsafe by the race director will be ineligible. No electronics allowed. Nitrous permitted.

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. 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 enforcing this rule.

15. THREE ELIMINATORS - Will be run at the team finals:

TOP ET (0 – 7.99) Bikes and sleds allowed.

MODIFIED ET (All run, dragsters & center steer altereds prohibited) Bikes and sleds allowed.

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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 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. Motorcycles will be allowed to compete (bikes and sleds meeting IHRA safety rules) in the TOP ET class.

c. **Modified ET** – Electronics, delay boxes, timers on Nitrous systems and trans brakes are

prohibited and not allowed on the vehicle. Air or electric shifters are allowed. Clutch operated vehicles are allowed to run two steps. Slider clutches on Bikes can not run two-step in modified. Vehicles that leave off a trans brake or clutch activated button must run in TOP. Shift lights and single stage line locks on non-drive wheels are allowed. Motorcycles will be allowed to compete (bikes and sleds meeting IHRA safety rules) in the Modified ET class.

- 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. See the IHRA rulebook for auto start settings.
- 19. LANE CHOICE** - In all 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 first 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.
- 23. GAMBLER'S RACES** - If a gamblers race is not completed on the scheduled day, the event will be concluded the next day or split at the discretion of the race director. 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. **Re-entries will be run as a separate round with winners advancing to second round. Re-entries will be paired and a bye will be selected the same as all other subsequent rounds.**
- 25. COURTESY STAGING** – Recommended. A car that accidently lights both bulbs will be allowed to back up and re-stage, if time allows. If the auto start system activates the tree and the entry is not re-staged the entry will be eliminated.

26. DEEP STAGING – Deep Staging is allowed 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, starter will not activate tree until deep car has staged deep, starter has option of not enforcing this rule if deep car is taking too much time to go deep stage.

27. 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. Bikes and sleds fit the “open bodied” category.

Best Awards:

Best Appearing Full Bodied Vehicle	Best Team Spirit
Best Engineered Full Bodied Vehicle	Best Appearing Team
Best Appearing Open Bodied Vehicle	Best Appearing Sponsor Banner
Best Engineered Open Bodied Vehicle	Best Appearing Junior Dragster
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28. 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.

29. PURSES & PAYOUT: Main Event

TOP ET (0 – 7.99)

Winner	\$4,000.00 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	1,500.00
Semi finalists	500.00
7th round loser	200.00
6th round loser	150.00
5th round loser	100.00
4th round loser	50.00

MODIFIED ET (All Run, Motorcycles allowed, dragsters & center steer altered prohibited)

Winner	\$2,500.00 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	1,000.00
Semi finalists	500.00
7th round loser	200.00
6th round loser	150.00
5th round loser	100.00
4th round loser	50.00

JR. DRAGSTER (All Run)

Winner	\$ 500 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	Trophy, \$250
Semi finalist	Trophy, \$100
Qtr	\$50

30. FRIDAY GAMBLERS RACES:

Top ET

Win \$3,000
R/U \$1,000
Semi \$300
Round money \$40 per
round starting 3rd round win

Modified ET

Win \$1,500
R/U \$500
Semi \$200
Round money \$20 per
round starting 3rd round win

Juniors

80% Pay Back

SATURDAY GAMBLERS RACES:

Top ET

Win \$4,000
R/U \$1,000
Semi \$300
Round money \$50 per
round starting 3rd round win

Modified ET

Win \$2,000
R/U \$500
Semi \$200
Round money \$30 per
round starting 3rd round win

Juniors

80% Pay Back

31. ENTRY FEES: MAIN EVENT

Car & Driver	\$80.00
Jr. Dragster	\$60.00
Crewman & Alternates	\$50.00 (event)
Child	\$10.00 (event)

Thursday Test and Tune	\$40.00
Friday Box Gamblers	\$60.00 (1st round buyback - \$40.00)
Friday No Box Gamblers	\$50.00 (1st round buyback - \$30.00)
Friday Junior Gamblers	\$30.00 (1st round buyback - \$20.00)
Saturday Box Gamblers	\$70.00 (1st round buyback - \$50.00)
Saturday No Box Gamblers	\$60.00 (1st round buyback - \$40.00)
Saturday Junior Gamblers	\$30.00 (1st round buyback - \$20.00)
Membership & License:	Mandatory – available at event
General Adm. Adults	\$20.00 (1 day)
Child (6-12)	\$ 5.00 (1 day)

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

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IHRA “PATRIOTS” SUMMIT TEAM FINALS SCHEDULE
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FM Broadcast: 89.5 - Facility Elevation 80 feet

Weekend Run Order: Mod, Top, Junior

Thursday

Gates	Noon- 11pm
Registration Open	Noon- 10 pm
Test and Tune	5pm- 10pm

Friday

Gates & Registration Open	8:00 am – 10:00 pm
Time Trial (2 rounds)	10:00 am
Gamblers Race	After time trial

Saturday

Gates & Registration Open	8:00 am – 10:00 pm
Time Trial (1 round)	Modified, Top & Juniors 9:00 am
Gamblers race	Modified, Top & Juniors

Sunday

Gates Open	8:00 am
God Speed Church Service	8:30 am
Special Judging and Team Pictures	9:30 am
Track Operators Race	During special judging
Final Eliminations	Immediately following above

Wednesday Nov 3rd

Track operators Meeting	6pm Eastern
Conference call	

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