

## 2018 National Trail Raceway – Clark Rader Memorial Super 32

Please Read the following Information carefully. If you have any questions, please ask any member of the National Trail Raceway (NTR) staff. Have a safe and successful season!



**RESTRICTED AREA POLICY** Anyone entering a restricted area or advanced/restricted area of the facility must read, print and sign the release and waiver located in the tech area prior to entering any restricted area on the facility. This person must also display the colored wristband indicating the proper execution of the release and waiver prior to being allowed in these areas.

NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 CAN SIGN THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER. Minors' ages 14-17 need to have minor release executed properly to sign the release and waiver. AT NO TIME CAN CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14 BE ALLOWED IN A RESTRICTED AREA with the exceptions of Junior Dragster running exclusively.

- AT NO TIME CAN ANYONE BE ALLOWED TO SIT AND / OR SPECTATE IN A RESTRICTED AREA
- AT NO TIME CAN FOOD / DRINK BE ALLOWED IN A RESTRICTED AREA
- AT NO TIME CAN ANIMALS BE ALLOWED IN A RESTRICTED AREA

**ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION** Alcohol consumption is forbidden by competitors until their racing action is completed. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in any restricted areas while there is on track activities of any kind. Any competitor found in violation of this will be escorted from NTR property. Additional penalties may be assessed at NTR's discretion.

**THESE GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BY OUR INSURANCE COMPANY AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN FOLLOWING THEM!**

### **NOTE**

Any section marked with ∇ has been revised or added for the year. National Trail Raceway will be referred to as "NTR" throughout these rules

### **PA SYSTEM**

Besides the track's public-address system, we encourage you to tune to 88.3 FM on your radio for the complete simulcast of the track's PA can be heard.

### **RULE REVISIONS**

Any revisions to these rules or any other track rules will be posted exclusively on our website under "Track Info" tab, then the "Classes & Rules" link.

### **PIT SUPPORT VEHICLES / CURFEW**

Anyone operating a vehicle in the pit area (Bicycles, mopeds, skate boards, golf carts, motorcycles, etc.) must be at least 16 years of age, hold a valid state driver's license and the vehicle must be registered or related to a specific competition entry. One warning will be given if this policy is violated. Curfew will start 30 minutes after the conclusion of racing. There will be no loud noise such as engines or parties and all motorized pit traffic shall cease.

### **∇ MONETARY PAYOUTS**

All plaques / non-monetary awards must be picked up the day of the event. Racers receiving monetary payout must fill out a W-9 form at the track before payment can be made. All check will be sent out to racers during the week following the event.

### **∇ LICENSES / CHASSIS TAGS**

All participants at NTR are required to have a valid state driver's license or current NHRA Competition Driver's License when needed. Any contestant's vehicle that will be running 6.39 seconds & quicker in the 1/8 mile (9.99 – 1/4 mile), or faster than 135 mph must have a current NHRA Level 4, 5 or 6 driver's license. All car entries competing and/or dialing quicker than 6.39 (9.99 – 1/4 mile), or faster than 135 mph will be required to have a current chassis certification sticker affixed to the frame before participating.

### **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

The standard NHRA Division 3 eliminator system will apply at all series events. Most technical information applying to your respective eliminator may be found under the ET Section and the General Regulations Section of the current NHRA Rule book. NTR will follow section 1.6.5 of the NHRA Rule book for any protest / technical request if need be. Please ask the NTR Event Director if there any questions about any technical items or policies.

### **ELECTRONICS**

The official NHRA policies and guidelines concerning "electronics" will be in effect at all of our ET series events. These policies and guidelines are outlined in the current NHRA rulebook, and the current NHRA Division 3 Summit ET Series Rules. NTR reserves the right to randomly inspect any competitor's vehicle at any time to insure compliance of these policies and guidelines. Any competitor choosing to compete at NTR grants NTR the right to retain any vehicle(s) for up to 24 hours after an event, to complete a thorough post-race inspection.

### **TAIL LIGHT**

All vehicles must have a working light on the rear of their vehicle. It must be on once we turn our track lights on for the evening. The light must be of sufficient size to be seen from the starting line to track turn-off. One warning will be given if a taillight is not sufficient. Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification of the event. If you have any questions about the light on your vehicle, ask a member of our staff.

### **ETI**

All participants are encouraged to take advantage of the no-cost Extended Technical Inspection (ETI) program that NHRA & NTR offers. This allows competitors to go through an expanded tech assessment at the beginning of the year and speed up the tech process for the competitor at each race. Once a participant has completed the ETI, it is their responsibility to notify NTR tech inspection personnel of any changes to their vehicle that may affect their ETI status. Failure to do so may result in the loss of their ETI and any championship points earned during that season. You must be a current NHRA member to be eligible for the ETI. NTR reserves the right to administer a complete technical inspection of any vehicle regardless of having a completed ETI.

### **DRIVER APPAREL**

Nylon or Nylon-type clothing is not recommended in any classes, regardless of ET. Every competitor, regardless of class or ET, must wear long pants and a shirt with sleeves. (No shorts or tank tops). Please consult the NHRA Rulebook for required apparel for your ET and MPH break within your class. All NHRA rules apply for ET and/or MPH.

### **∇ HELMETS**

All drivers must wear a current NHRA approved SNELL rated or SFI rated helmet. (No DOT helmets) Consult the current NHRA Rulebook for all approved helmet ratings.

## **PROPER USE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

Seat belts must be worn and adjusted in such a manner that the driver's torso and head cannot extend outside the parameters of the roll cage. The loosening or removal of seat belts, arm restraints, helmet, gloves, neck collar, window nets, face shield, and any other safety equipment is prohibited from the time the vehicle leaves the ready line until the vehicle is on the return road. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action in the sole and absolute discretion of NTR and NHRA.

**BODIED CAR GUIDELINES:** All vehicles must be full-bodied, left hand steer, with full fenders, hood, grille, and windshield/windscreen. Sports cars, street roadsters, vans, and panel trucks permitted. Any open-wheel altered, dragster, or funny car will be considered open wheeled. Fiberglass bodies are permitted. Any other variations will be considered open wheeled.

## **COOLANT / ANTIFREEZE**

Any vehicle running 11.49 or quicker is not permitted to have coolant/antifreeze in the cooling system here at NTR.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

It is the responsibility of the Participant, not NTR, to properly store, use, dispose of and account for any and all materials in the Participant's possession that may be subject to Federal, State or local regulations governing solid, recyclable and/or hazardous wastes, and to be in compliance with all such regulations at all times. Should the Participant be found not to be in compliance, the Participant shall be responsible for any and all penalties, fines, costs and clean up necessary for compliance. NTR will work with the appropriate governmental entities and agencies to monitor violations of any applicable environmental regulations. Noncompliance with the NTR environmental standard or a governmental standard threatens the ability of NTR to provide a venue for racing. Therefore, any violations will be dealt with accordingly. NTR penalties including, but not limited to, fines, suspension of competition privileges, loss of points, disqualification from events, and ejection from track are separate and apart from any civil or criminal penalties or other action that may be taken by any governmental entity or law enforcement agency. There shall be a "Zero Tolerance" policy with regard to the improper use or disposal of any solid or hazardous waste.

## **ENTRIES**

No one may enter two cars in the CLARK RADER MEMORIAL SUPER 32 class.

## **MULTIPLE ENTRIES**

Competitors may enter one car in two different classes under the following conditions: A Super 32 car may also enter Super Pro or Pro at the appropriate races. Car must meet all class requirements to enter either class. Any entry that does not qualify for the CLARK RADER MEMORIAL SUPER 32 may enter Super Pro at no charge.

## **▽ REPLACEMENT VEHICLE**

NTR will follow the current NHRA policy for SC, SG and SST entries. This can be found under "REPLACEMENT VEHICLES" in section 2, page 4 of the current NHRA Rulebook.

## **ENTRY CREDIT**

Entry credit will only be issued if your vehicle fails to pass tech or your vehicle breaks prior to receiving a time trial. No credits can be given once an entry has made a pass of any kind down the racetrack. **NO CASH REFUNDS OF ANY KIND WILL BE GIVEN.**

## **▽ QUALIFYING**

Each competitor will have a maximum of two (2) qualifying sessions. NTR will make every effort to provide everyone two qualifying runs before eliminations. This does not guarantee any competitor two runs. The quickest 16 bodied cars and 16 open-wheeled cars will qualify for the CLARK RADER MEMORIAL SUPER 32. The 16 bodied cars will compete against one another until there is one remaining, the same will apply to the open-wheeled side. Both final competitors will then runoff to determine a champion for the day. In the event there are less than 16 of either type of vehicle that attempts to qualify, the quickest non-qualifying cars from the other side can be placed on the ladder, regardless of which type of vehicle it is. In the event that there are less than 32 cars qualified, the quickest qualified cars will be eligible for any bye runs. The staff and management at NTR will make the decision of "one time trial" on a race by race basis. Several factors will enter into the decision, including car counts and weather conditions. Should other issues arise that would warrant restricting time runs, they will be considered as well. Each qualifying pass will be used to set the ladder for the eliminator to follow (see Pairings/Lane Choice/Bye Runs). If you should miss a qualifying session, you forfeit the run. If there are more than 32 entries in CLARK RADER MEMORIAL SUPER 32 after the first round of qualifying is complete, no other entries will be sold. If less than 32 entries are sold after one round of qualifying, entries will be sold until 32 entries have been reached for the day. No entries will be sold after the second qualifying round is complete, regardless of field size. Each competitor must make a qualifying pass from each lane when two runs are attempted by competitor. If a competitor makes both qualifying runs in the same lane, the second run will not count towards qualifying. NTR reserves the right to assign each competitor lanes to run qualifying sessions in to keep the program moving. We encourage competitors to listen to the PA, 88.3 FM on their radio for all class announcements.

## **DIAL-INS**

Contestants must follow the ET requirements of the CLARK RADER MEMORIAL SUPER 32. The minimum dial in for all entries is 3.660 seconds in the 1/8 mile distance. **All CLARK RADER MEMORIAL SUPER 32 qualifiers must dial in within one tenth of their qualifying time during eliminations.** Each driver is responsible for placing their dial-in on the car in such a manner to be clearly visible from the control tower (left side and back window preferred). As well, it is each driver's responsibility to confirm the accuracy of their dial-in prior to PRE-STAGING on the dial in and scoreboards. **No re-runs will be allowed in the event of an incorrect dial-in.** Dial-ins may not be changed once the vehicle has reached the white ready line in front of the tower. If competition is delayed for an inordinate amount of time the Event Director may allow a dial-in change. It is the drivers' responsibility to confirm the policy after a delay with an NTR staff member.

## **DEEP STAGING**

Deep staging is permitted. Competitors that are deep-staging must remember that the tree can be activated at any time after both pre-stage bulbs are lit. The AutoStart system will not be overridden for anyone choosing to deep stage. **All competitors must be prepared to race as soon as their stage bulb is on!**

## **STAGING**

Courtesy staging is recommended at all times in all classes, but is not mandatory. There will be no re-runs due to a staging mistake by any driver.

## **AUTOSTART**

National Trail Raceway utilizes the CompuLink AutoStart system for all races. The starter may override the AutoStart system at any time if the situation warrants. NTR follows the NHRA Division 3 guidelines for all AutoStart settings. The settings for the system are as follows:

- **Stage minimum:** 0.60 (The amount of time from a tire breaking the beam to begin AutoStart)
- **Staged to start:** 1.10 (The amount of time that both cars are staged to start AutoStart countdown)
- **Timeout Total:** 10 (When one car is staged, and the other is pre-staged, this is the amount of time before the tree starts)

### **CROSSTALK / CHRISTMAS TREE**

NTR will use LED amber bulbs for all events. NTR will use the CompuLink CrossTalk feature for all delay box categories. CompuLink CrossTalk allows the tree can stay completely blinded with the amber lights focused directly at the driver. The top amber light in each lane will activate with the start of the slower dialed cars tree countdown, the slower cars tree will continue on its normal .5 second countdown to green. The faster cars top light will stay on for the standard .5 second duration plus the amount of handicap between the two lanes, and then it will continue to countdown after that at the .5 sec countdown to green.

If the faster dialed car does not want to utilize CrossTalk, an "N" is to be placed at the end of their dial-in. The computer operator then types this "N" into the system after the dial-in. A negative sign will appear on the scoreboard in front of the dial-in signifying that CrossTalk has been disabled for that driver. The tree will then operate in the standard full tree count down mode. There will be no re-runs for incorrect CrossTalk setup.

### **PAIRINGS / LANE CHOICE / BYE-RUNS**

The pairings in the CLARK RADER MEMORIAL SUPER 32 class will be set by the Compulink timing system based on the quickest sixteen (16) participants on that day that fit within the dial-in range (See DIAL-INS) for both bodied and open-wheeled vehicles during the qualifying sessions. The eliminator ladder will follow the NHRA Sportsman Ladder system (Ex. In a 16 car field, the #1 qualifier would race the #9 qualifier, #2 would race #10, #3 would race #11, all the way down to #8 racing #16). In round one of eliminations, the #8 vs. #16 qualified racers in a full field will be the scheduled first pair out for each side of the field. With the CLARK RADER MEMORIAL SUPER 32 category being one eliminator after qualifying, NTR reserves the right to run the eliminations in order of appearance and not by vehicle type (can interchange Open and Door and do not have to run entire side of ladder first in a round). If there is an odd amount of cars in the opening round, the #1 qualifier will be ladder to have the bye run. Once the ladder is established and used in round one, it will be followed throughout the event. If a driver is unable to run in the opening round, the quickest alternate will be inserted into the field in their spot on the ladder. During eliminations, if a competitor is unable to run the round scheduled, their opponent on the ladder will receive a competition single (broke bye). In all rounds of competition, the driver seeded higher in qualifying will have lane choice. The same is true in the final round regardless of ET (Ex. The #3 qualified bodied car would have lane choice over #6 open-bodied car regardless of ET). It is the responsibility of the participants to have determined lane choice prior to being pulled from the staging lanes. If lane choice has not been determined, the head of staging can place the vehicles in the lanes at his/her discretion. No lane changes can be made after the vehicles leave the ready line.

### **OFFICIAL REGISTRATION**

In order to participate in the CLARK RADER MEMORIAL SUPER 32 points, you must first complete an official registration form and submit it to NTR. There will be a \$30 fee to all racers when turning in their official point registration form for entering the points' series. Anyone that is not a current NHRA member must complete a membership application & pay all fees before being allowed to enter the CLARK RADER MEMORIAL SUPER 32 points. There are NO refunds of any fees once they have been paid.

### **POINTS**

In the event of a rain-out, points may be awarded if one complete round of competition is finished. Points may be awarded for each round win up until the race is declared a rain-out. See "RAIN-OUTS" for more rain-out information. Each officially registered competitor will receive five (5) points for entering the race and passing technical inspection. Each qualified racer for eliminations will receive five (5) more points, and an additional ten (10) points will be awarded to the competitor for each round won. The winner of the event will be awarded an additional three (3) points at each race, the runner-up will receive an additional two (2) points, and the semi-finalists will each receive an additional one (1) point. If a racer qualifies and is unable to make the opening round race, they will be awarded their qualifying and first round points. Any alternate inserted in the field will begin earning points after winning the opening round (Ex. An alternate that loses in round one will receive 5 points, a round two loss will earn 15 points). Official points standings will be posted weekly at the track and on our website [www.nationaltrailraceway.com](http://www.nationaltrailraceway.com). It will be the registered competitor's responsibility to verify the points each week and report any discrepancies to NTR personnel no later than ten (10) days after the date of the event in question. Points are not transferable between classes. There are a total of six (6) CLARK RADER MEMORIAL SUPER 32 races. Competitors will claim five (5) events towards their points total. NTR will automatically deduct the points' race (with the lowest point total), over the maximum of five (5).

### **RAIN-OUTS**

If possible, NTR will explore any and all avenues to complete any events stopped by rain. While every attempt will be made, there are no guarantees that any races lost to weather will be made up. Any rain dates will be noted online at [www.nationaltrailraceway.com](http://www.nationaltrailraceway.com). See "POINTS" for more rain-out information.

### **TIE BREAKER**

Any ties will be broken as follows: 1 - The racer with the most race wins will place higher. 2 - If not resolved, the racer with the most runner-ups will place higher. 3 - If not resolved, the racer with the most round wins will place higher. 4 - If not resolved, "head-to-head" victories between those tied will determine. 5 - If not resolved, racers tied for first will run off for the championship. All other places will be considered tied and awards/winnings will be split.

### **DECALS**

Every competitor in the CLARK RADER MEMORIAL SUPER 32 must display a JEGS decal on each side of their vehicle during time trials and competition. The decal must be placed in position on the car that is not blocking or hindering the view of the decal at any time. Any driver not displaying the decals will forfeit any points and awards earned that day. NTR will provide all necessary decals free of charge.

### **NOTE**

ALL RULES, INTERPRETATIONS OF THE RULES, QUESTIONS AND PROTESTS ARE LEFT UP TO THE FINAL DISCRETION OF THE EVENT DIRECTOR.

IF THE SITUATION WARRANTS ACTION IN ANY EVENT, THE EVENT DIRECTOR HAS THE FINAL WORD, PERIOD!