

2018 National Trail Raceway – JEGS.com Junior Dragsters

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. It is required that all Junior Dragsters have the mandatory fluorescent or brightly colored flag attached to the car whenever it is being towed on the premises. Flags must be 5 feet above the ground when attached. All Junior Dragster support vehicles must stay in the Junior Dragster lanes until the class of competitors from the JEGS ET / SUMMIT SERIES in front of them on the schedule has been completed. There will be no parking of support vehicles on the return road while another NTR class is located under the tower. 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. One warning will be given if this policy is violated.

∇ 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 current NHRA Competition Driver's License and car number. Any contestant's vehicle running 8.89 seconds to 7.90 seconds in the 1/8 mile must have a Chromoly chassis.

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 in the current NHRA Junior Dragster Rulebook. NTR will follow section 1.6.5 of the NHRA Rulebook for any protest / technical request if need be. All NHRA rules apply for ET and MPH breaks. Technical Inspection for the Junior Dragsters takes place within the Junior Dragster lanes on the outside of the regular Staging Lanes. Please ask the NTR event director if there any questions about any technical items or policies.

ELECTRONICS

The current 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

Every competitor, regardless of class, must wear a jacket and pants meeting SFI Spec. 3.2A/1, a commercially produced neck collar or SFI-approved Head & Neck Restrain System, and arm restraints. Drivers must also wear shoes, socks, and gloves (no open-toe shoes). The Driver Restrain System must be at least a five-point, 1 3/4 inch wide system that must meet SFT Spec. 16.1.

∇ 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.

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

Because of the way that Junior Dragsters are run at NTR during events, no one may enter more than one class in the JEGS.COM JUNIOR DRAGSTER SERIES. Two drivers may enter one car in two different classes, they will be responsible for changing competition numbers between classes and there will be no waiting during eliminations. **(they may NOT use the same competition number).**

MULTIPLE ENTRIES

Competitors may enter one car in two different classes under the following conditions: A Junior Dragster driver aged 13-18 may also enter the JEGS Quick 330 Shootout at the appropriate races.

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.**

TIME TRIALS / QUALIFYING

Each competitor may make a maximum of two time trials per entry. NTR will make every effort to provide everyone two time trials before eliminations. This does not guarantee any competitor two 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 time trial pass will be used to set the ladder for the eliminator to follow (see Pairings/Lane Choice/Bye Runs). If you should miss a time trial session, you forfeit the run. 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 class that they are running in (6 & 7 may not dial quicker than 13.90, 8 & 9 may not dial quicker than 11.90, 10-12 may not dial quicker than 8.90, and 13-18 may not dial quicker than 7.90). If a competitor is to age into an older class of competition during the year, they can start the season in that older category but must adhere to the ET restrictions of the driver's age until the changing of the age on birthday. 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 of car preferred). As well, it is each driver's responsibility to confirm the accuracy of their dial-in prior to PRE-STAGING on the 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. Once a car is pre-staged, only the starter may touch the vehicle. There will be no pullbacks in any of the Junior Dragster classes during eliminations. During time trials, the starter has the discretion to pullback a 6 - 9 year old competitor if they feel it would not hinder the opposing car's run. If a driver in the 6 - 9 category wants a pullback during time trials, the driver should immediately put both hands in the air to signal the starter. 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:** 15 (When one car is staged and the other is pre-staged, this is the amount of time before the tree starts)

PAIRINGS / LANE CHOICE / BYE-RUNS

The pairings in all JEGS.COM JUNIOR DRAGSTER SERIES classes will be set by the CompuLink timing system using the best reaction time for the participating driver in the time trial sessions. The eliminator ladder will follow the NHRA Sportsman Ladder system (Ex. In a 8 car field, the #1 best reaction time would race the #5 best reaction time, #2 would race #6, #3 would race #7, and #4 would race #8). If there is an odd number of cars in the opening round, the #1 best reaction time from time trials will be laddered to have the bye run. Once the ladder is established and used in round one, it will be followed throughout the event. In the event that a racer does not make a time trial, they will be placed at the bottom of the reaction time order. If a driver is unable to run the round scheduled, their opponent on the ladder will receive a competition single (broke bye). In the opening round of eliminations, the driver seeded higher in reaction time order will have lane choice. In the following rounds, the driver with the best reaction time from the previous round will have the choice of lane until a winner is determined.

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION

In order to participate in the JEGS.COM JUNIOR DRAGSTER SERIES you must first complete an official registration form and submit it to NTR. All participants running in the JEGS.COM JUNIOR DRAGSTER SERIES must be an NHRA Junior Drag Racing League Participant. See "NHRA Membership" below for more details. There will be a \$20 fee to all racers when turning in their official point registration form for entering the points' series. Anyone not a NHRA Junior Drag Racing League Participant must complete a membership application and pay all fees before being allowed to enter the JEGS.COM JUNIOR DRAGSTER SERIES. There are NO refunds of any fees once they have been paid.

▽ POINTS

Prior to claiming any points, all competitors must complete and submit an official point's entry form to NTR, meeting all the criteria outlined on the form and in the competitor information. In the event of a rain-out, points may be awarded if one complete round of competition for all classes is finished. Points may be awarded for each round win up until the race is declared a rain-out. If the JEGS.COM JUNIOR DRAGSTER SERIES portion of the program is completed and the JEGS ET / SUMMIT SERIES event is rained out, the Junior Dragster portion of the event will be deemed complete. See "RAIN-OUTS" for more rain-out information. Each officially registered competitor will receive ten (10) points for entering the race and passing technical inspection. An additional ten (10) points will be awarded to each competitor for each round won. The event winner of each class will be awarded an additional three (3) points at each race, the runner-up an additional two (2) points, and each semi-finalist an additional one (1) point. Points do not carry over for any competitor that moves from one category to the other due to age change. Competitors can stay in age class if they age up only if they were of age of the category on January 1st of that year. If a competitor passes tech inspection but does not stage first round, it is the competitors' responsibility to notify the Event Director that day to ensure proper allocation of the ten (10) tech points earned. If a racer gains an entry credit, they have withdrawn from competition and thus will not receive points for the event. Official point's standings will be posted weekly at the track and online at www.nationaltrailraceway.com. It is each 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. Each competitor may claim a maximum of nine (9) races out of the scheduled ten (10) towards their season total. NTR will automatically deduct the points' races (with the lowest point totals), over the maximum of nine (9).

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. 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 JEGS.COM JUNIOR DRAGSTER SERIES 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 earned that day and will not be eligible to participate in the JEGS.com Junior Dragster Clash at the end of the season. NTR will provide all necessary decals free of charge.

▽ EASTERN CONFERENCE / BRACKET FINALS

The NTR Eastern Conference Finals Jr. Team will compete at the Eastern Conference Finals in Bristol, Tennessee on July 19-21. This team is open to the best junior dragster racers at the track. The cutoff date for the ECF team will be Sunday, June 17th. The NTR Jr. Dragster Bracket Finals Team will compete at the NHRA Division 3 Junior Dragster Bracket Finals on September 7 - 9. The team is open to any Junior Dragster competitor that has participated at NTR throughout the calendar year. Those racers at the top of the points in their class will be given the first opportunity to go to both events for Team NTR. The top racer in each of the three age groups will be given the chance to represent NTR in the Junior Dragster Race of Champions at the NHRA Division 3 Junior Dragster Bracket Finals on Saturday of that event. The cutoff date for determining the RoC spots will be Sunday, August 26th. If the points leader is unable to attend the event, the next person in the points standings will be the representative for the track.

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!