

2013 Bracket Drag Racing Series Rules & Regulations

General Rules

NOTE: Coastal Plains Dragway (CPD) is an IHRA Member Track and will operate by IHRA requirements and specifications. For detailed safety and general guidelines, and bracket racing requirements for 2013, refer to the 2013 IHRA Rule Book.

Coastal Plains Dragway

Any condition considered to be unsafe by Coastal Plains Dragway track officials will be adequate grounds for barring or withdrawing a vehicle from participation in any event, until the fault has been remedied to the satisfaction of track officials. The decision of track officials will be considered final in all inspection or elimination protests or procedures. Coastal Plains Dragway reserves the right to disqualify any car not meeting the rules or the spirit of the rules. Coastal Plains Dragway staff also reserves the right to make amendments to the rules at later dates.

All racers are required to comply with **ALL CURRENT IHRA** rules including chassis certification and licenses.

GENERAL

Antifreeze: Antifreeze is prohibited from being in the vehicle. Violations may result in disqualification at the discretion of the event director.

Bye Runs: The procedure for selecting the bye run will be based upon the best winning reaction time from the previous round. Exception to this rule - The TSI 2000 plus ladder may be used for all classes when there are 16 or less cars remaining in competition. The format of the ladder is based on reaction time. This will give a bye run, if warranted, to the best non-red reaction time **ONLY IN THE FIRST LADDER PRINTED** for that race day. After the ladder is established, the bye run is no longer based on reaction time it is based on the TSI 2000 plus ladder format. Should an opponent break or not return to race, the other racer will receive a competition single. Once the ladder is established, a racer could technically earn more than one bye run on a given day.

Controlled Substances and Alcoholic Beverages: Participating drivers observed by track officials to be consuming any amount of alcohol or under the influence of any controlled substance while still in competition, will be disqualified from the event. No alcohol permitted in the staging lanes or on the starting line. Absolutely NO glass bottles or containers allowed at the facility.

Curfew: Our curfew is midnight and every effort will be made to complete the event prior to this time. This schedule forces us to race on a tight race day schedule and requires that you are in the staging lanes at the appropriate times and prepared for competition. Due to our curfew, if at midnight we are not finished racing, payouts and points shall be split based on the last completed round of racing. This means that if there were 3 cars left, all 3 would get the same money and the same points (if applicable).

Dial Ins: Dial Ins are to be displayed on the front window and passenger side window of the car in clear format. Dial ins may be changed between rounds, but not after leaving the head of staging and it is the driver's responsibility to ensure that the dial in can be read from long distances and is clearly written between rounds. Coastal Plains Dragway will make every attempt to clarify your dial in but the ultimate responsibility is yours. Dial Ins will be displayed on the dial in boards and scoreboards prior to your run, please verify the accuracy of your dial in before pre-staging.

Disqualifications: Disqualifications are made on a first or worst basis as per the IHRA rulebook. EXAMPLE: Crossing the centerline is considered worse than a red light. Since we cannot possibly cover all situations that may arise during eliminations, it is the race director's responsibility to make a judgment call on disputed calls. If it becomes necessary to settle a dispute, the race director will speak with the drivers involved ONLY, not the crews, wives, husbands, etc.

Driver Credentials: All drivers must have a valid driver's license; the only exceptions to this rule are in the JR dragster. All drivers must be licensed to their respective E.T.'s.

Pairings: Random pairings for early rounds. You are considered an official pair once one of the following conditions have been met;

- You have rolled forward of the crosswalk towards the head of staging.
- You have been paired by CPD staff in the back of the lanes.
- You have been paired off of a ladder generated by the TSI2000 Plus timing system.

Ladders: When 16 cars or less remain after 2nd round, Coastal Plains Dragway will either;

- Draw Pills at the Rear of the staging lanes.
- TSI 2000 plus timing system will generate a ladder based off of reaction time. Once established, ladders are not changed.

Gifted Rounds: "Gifted Rounds" are not permitted. Racers receiving "dives" or "gifted" rounds as determined solely by Coastal Plains Dragway will be disqualified.

Restricted Areas: No one under the age of 14 is allowed in the restricted areas, this includes the area from the water box to the starting line.

Speed Limits: The speed limit in the pit area and the return road is **15 mph**.

Staging: All race cars will be called to the staging area by the announcer **(ONLY ONE CALL IS REQUIRED)**. Five minutes after the first call, any machine not appearing in the staging area will be subject to disqualification. Come to the assigned staging lanes when your class is called and follow the direction of Race Officials. Please continue to pull forward in the lanes as they are emptied, drivers are reminded to stay with their vehicles in the staging area. Once you have committed to a lane, you cannot back out or allow other drivers to pass you. **(Staging lanes are managed by race officials and their discretion will be used when judgment calls are necessary and decision will be final.)**

In Eliminations, you have 2 min to proceed to the burnout box once Officials have signaled to you; a jump box may be available in the lanes.

Do not final stage until your opponent has pre-staged, Courtesy staging will be observed. Courtesy Staging – Both cars must Pre-stage before either car stages.

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 went deep, starter has option of not enforcing this rule if deep car is taking too much time to go deep.

Taillight: In any race after dark, each race vehicle must have at least one working taillight. **THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY.** Racers will get one warning for not having tail lights on. A second infraction of this rule may result in disqualification.

Tech Cards: No tech cards will be sold after the first round of eliminations has been completed.

Vehicles: Drivers cannot change vehicles after eliminations start. You must finish eliminations with the car you started with.

PIT PROCEDURES AND RULES

Conduct: Drivers and Crew members at an event shall conduct themselves according to the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship, particularly in relation to other competitors and track officials, and in a manner that will not harm the reputation of the IHRA, Coastal Plains Dragway or the sport of Drag Racing. Failure to do so may result in penalties ranging from disqualification from the event to being banned from Coastal Plains Dragway. In addition to other offenses or violations of specific rules, each of the following shall be deemed a breach of the rules.

1. Reckless or dangerous driving, either on the course or in the pits.
2. Failure to obey any direction or order of an official.
3. Refusing to cooperate with, interfering with, or obstructing the actions of any Track Official in the performance of their duties.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
5. Physical violence or verbal abuse towards any other participant, official or spectator at an event.
6. Bribery or attempts to bribe anyone connected with the event, and the solicitation of, acceptance of, or offer to accept a bribe.
7. Pet owners are asked not to bring your pets to the track. If they absolutely must travel with you, they must be kept on a leash at all times. Pet owners will be asked not to bring the pet back if problems with the animal occur.

Pit bikes/scooters: No one under the age of 16 or anyone without a valid driver's license is allowed to ride an ATV, golf cart, mini bike, scooter or bicycle in the pits (no skateboards). They are to be used only for tow vehicles or business related to racing. **Improper use of these vehicles by driver, crew, family, or anyone else, may result in disqualification or expulsion from the facility and forfeiture of entry fees.**

COMPETING DIVISIONS

TOP ET (0 – 7.99)

MODIFIED ET (All Run, Dragsters & Center Steer Altered prohibited)

JUNIORS (All Run)

ELECTRONICS - Note: The penalty for "intentional non-compliance" will result in a one (1) year suspension from all competition for the racer.

- a. **All Classes** - Stutter Boxes, Timed Down Track Throttle Stops, On-Board Computers, Data Recorders 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, Lap Top Computers are not allowed while in competition.
- c. **Modified ET** - Electronics, Delay Boxes, Timers on Nitrous Systems, and Trans Brakes are prohibited and not allowed on the car. **Air or Electric Shifters are allowed.** Clutch operated cars are allowed to run Two Steps. Shift Lights and Single Stage Line Locks on non-drive wheels are allowed.

POINTS

Car and driver must be present at the track to earn entry points.

Points go to the Driver, not the car.

No switching of drivers or substitute drivers allowed in car.

If a car breaks, the driver may substitute another car to earn points before eliminations begin. You must put your number on the car.

Points will be awarded as follows:

- 3 points for each race entered.
- 1 point for each round won.
- Upon conclusion of the 2013 season, all drivers will drop their two lowest race day point totals (this includes zero's).

Tie Breakers (for final bracket, final position only)

- Head to Head competition.

RAIN OUT POLICY

Rain delays are not considered a rainout.

Bracket Races: No Cash Refunds, NO points awarded and NO rain checks will be issued or event rescheduled after the second round of eliminations is complete.

If a rain out occurs during the 1st or 2nd round, only completed classes will be scored with round points. Rain checks will only be issued to racers in classes that were not completed. (1st and 2nd round & entry points will be given)

If a rain out occurs after the 3rd round is completed it is a total rain out and no rain checks will be given. All remaining money will be split to racers still in competition. Points will be issued as round wins in classes that have completed a round(s).

Test and Tune, grudge and bike night: No Cash Refunds! **No rain checks once two hours of event time have been logged.**

Feature Races: No Cash Refunds! NO Spectator and/or pit crew rain checks will be issued once feature cars have completed first elimination run.
Feature race rain checks are good for make-up date only!

Event Director Decisions

Every effort will be made by Coastal Plains Dragway to promote fair and honest events for all participants. However, in the unlikely event of an electronic or equipment malfunction the decision of the Event Director is final. According to the IHRA Rulebook "*The event director has the right to waive, amend or modify any rule for any single occurrence for any good reason and his decision is final.*"