



2016 IHRA  
**SUMMIT “THUNDER” TEAM FINALS**  
*US 131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI*  
September 15-18, 2016  
(1/8 Mile)



The purpose of the IHRA “Thunder” Summit Team Finals is to promote IHRA drag racing at member tracks on a local level and reward attendance with national recognition and competition. This event will be run 1/8-mile in 2016.

- 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 7, 2015.**
- 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 (4) points meets, of the track and class they represent. “Show” points for rained out events do not qualify. 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
- 3. TEAM COMPOSITION** - Each team will consist of a total of 50 members. There is no entry limit for any class. If a team car breaks, the driver can race a street vehicle in the street class. Each team will be issued 100 team code decals and each car competing must have a team code decal displayed on the driver’s side and front of the vehicle. Each team captain must notify race director of car substitution. No team members may be added to the roster after Friday at Noon.
- 4. TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP** - The team championship will be determined by a points system with one (1) point being awarded to the winner of each round. All main event run-off points count toward team totals. In the case of a tie, the team’s competitors going 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 & Motorcycles, must be a current licensed member of IHRA. All racers 9.99 & quicker ¼ mile, (6.49 & quicker 1/8 mile), must have an approved license. Forms will be provided to Track 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 report to the track operators once they have checked in at the gate and received wrist bands the next morning. Overnight gate workers may not be present.
- 6. TRACK CODE & PERMANENT NUMBERS** - Each participant must have a competition number permanently displayed on all four sides of the vehicle. The provided team code decals must be displayed on the tower side and front of the vehicle preceding the competition number. IHRA will select the track code. The track may issue any number they choose, up to six digits total, including the track code (example: RR4567).
- 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 inspections will be performed by an IHRA official at the event.

- 8. WRIST BANDS** – An IHRA 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 crew members 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 Summit Team Finals.
- 10. RACERS** - No racer may represent more than one (1) track at the team finals. A racer may enter a maximum of two different vehicles and compete in up to two different classes. A racer may drive the same car in both classes. Racer must be listed on roster in both classes. Boxes must be removed from car to run in No box classes. 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.
- 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, 2016 through the 2016 Summit Team Finals event and can win the 2016 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 the team captain of each participating track. The race will be run on Saturday and is limited to non-competition street legal cars only. No electronics of any kind allowed. The team captain entering this race may not race on a regular basis. The team captains may not participate in the main event.
- 13. TIME TRIALS** - Time trials will be run in sessions by class.
- 14. ATV's & PIT BIKES** - The permanent number of the racecar must be displayed on all such vehicles. No joy riding permitted. Track owner will be responsible for enforcing this rule. Violators will be disqualified and points will be deducted from the team. All riders must have a valid state driver's license.

**15. FOUR ELIMINATORS** - Will be run at the Summit Team Finals:

<b>TOP ET</b>	(1/4 mile: 0 – 11.99; 1/8 mile: 0 – 7.99)
<b>MODIFIED ET</b>	(1/4 mile: 0 – 13.99; 1/8 mile: 0 to 9.09)
<b>STREET</b>	(1/4 mile 12.00 & slower; 1/8 mile 7.50 & slower)
<b>JR DRAGSTERS</b>	(All run)

**MOTORCYCLES** Will run with appropriate car classes.

**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. Cars fitted with delay boxes running in Modified must physically remove the box from the vehicle during all runs in Modified and No Box.
- b. **Top ET** - Delay boxes, trans brakes, two steps, and playback tachometers are allowed. Air Throttles, used as launch control devices, are allowed. Factory (OEM) installed computers will be permitted, but no laptop computers are allowed while in competition.
- c. **Modified ET** - Delay boxes and air throttles prohibited. All accepted trans brake buttons, trans brakes, two steps, and pneumatic or electric shifters permitted.
- d. **Street ET** – Delay boxes, air throttles, trans brakes, two steps are prohibited. Line locks permitted in the burnout process only. Door cars only. DOT tires or DOT cheater slicks mandatory.
- e. **Motorcycles** – Will use car guidelines per class.

**17. CHRISTMAS TREE** – The tree will be separated with a blinder. LED bulbs will be used. Crosstalk will be used in Box and Top classes.

**18. AUTOSTART** – Autostart will be used to start races in all classes. Total “time out” will be set at 10 seconds. Jr Dragster timeout will be set for 15 seconds. See the IHRA rulebook for details.

**19. LANE CHOICE/PROCEDURE** - Should racers want the same lane, an IHRA official will determine lane choice using playing cards. Keeping teams separated will take precedent over desired lanes.

Starting with the Semi-Finals and beyond, racer service may be performed in the staging lanes and racers should be prepared to return directly to the staging lanes. This procedure will be in place for all eliminators throughout the weekend.

**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 that runs closest to their dial-in (excluding breakouts) will be eligible for the bye. If still a tie, the team that finished the highest the previous year will be eligible for 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 run will be 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. This procedure will be used for all races during this event except the SSS runoff.

**21. TEAM MEMBER vs. TEAM MEMBER** - The Summit 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 can 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 a bye run situation.

**22. TEAM PIT PARKING SELECTION** - Team parking will be picked on order of finish from the

previous year. The number 1 finisher gets first pick, number 2 gets second pick, etc.

**23. GAMBLER'S RACES** – Gamblers race will be run to completion that night or split if weather or conditions force the race to be stopped. Competitors in the gamblers race may only run one entry in each class. All competitors must be on the roster. Team captains may participate in the gamblers race. Races will be completed on scheduled day unless forced to an early stop. Money will be split among remaining competitors if not completed.

Lottery tickets will be sold for gamblers races. No limit of purchase. Two numbers will be selected after the round of 16 or less and will run off. The winner of that run off will be placed back in the round of 8 or less.

**24. RACE PROCEDURE AND SAFETY 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. **Junior Dragsters will be allowed to remove tire covers after crossing the water box if it can be done without impeding the flow of the class.**

**25. COURTESY STAGING** – Mandatory. A car that accidentally 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** - Please be aware that **deep staging is allowed but not guaranteed.** It is up to the racer to get in deep as soon as possible. Deep staging is not the starter's responsibility. Deep stagers will be allowed to light both the pre-stage and stage beam as courtesy staged if vehicle is clearly marked "Deep" on all sides.

**27. SPECIAL AWARDS** - Each track will enter one vehicle per category. Each entry will receive a dash plaque for having been selected by his track to compete in the "Best Awards".

**Best Awards:**

Best Appearing Full Bodied Car  
Best Engineered Full Bodied Car  
Best Appearing Open Bodied Car  
Best Engineered Open Bodied Car  
Best Team Spirit  
Best Appearing Team

Best Appearing Motorcycle  
Best Engineering Motorcycle  
Best Appearing Junior Dragster  
Best Engineered Junior Dragster  
Best Appearing Sponsor Banner

**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 -

### A. ELIMINATORS:

#### TOP

Winner	\$2,500 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	1,000
Semi Finalists	400
6th Round Loser	125
5th Round Loser	100
4th Round Loser	80

#### MODIFIED

Winner	\$2,500 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	1,000
Semi Finalists	400
6th Round Loser	125
5th Round Loser	100
4th Round Loser	80

#### STREET

Winner	\$1,000 & Ironman & Silver Card
Runner Up	400
Semi Finalist	200
Qtr's	100
1/8	60

#### JR. DRAGSTER

Winner	Ironman & Silver Card & \$400 cash
Runner up	Trophy, \$200 cash
Semi Finalist	Trophy, \$100 cash
Quarter Finals	Trophy, \$60 cash

### B. FRIDAY/SATURDAY GAMBLERS RACE (Split if not concluded)

No-Box, \$2,000 to win, further payout set after 1<sup>st</sup> round totaling 75%

Box, \$1,800 to win, further payout set after 1<sup>st</sup> round totaling 75%

Junior – 80% payback (win, runner-up, semi, qtrs)

## 30. ENTRY FEES -

Car & Driver	\$60
Jr. Dragster	\$60
Crewman	\$30 (event)
Child (6-12)	\$10 (event)
General Adm Adults	\$15 (1 day)
Child (6-12)	\$5 (1 day)
Thursday Test and Tune	\$20
Friday/Saturday Box Gamblers	\$60 (1 <sup>st</sup> round buyback \$30)
Friday/Saturday No Box Gamblers	\$60 (1 <sup>st</sup> round buyback \$30)
Friday/Saturday Junior Gamblers	\$20 (1 <sup>st</sup> round buyback \$10)
Gamblers race Lottery	\$10 each
Junior Gamblers race lottery	\$5 each
Membership & License	Mandatory; available at event

**No refunds if event is partially or completely rained out.**

**TRACK CODES FOR THE 2015 TEAMS (Tentative List) -**

TRACK NAME	CODE
1. US 131 Motorsports Park	U
2. Grand Bend Motorplex	G
3. Marion County International Raceway	M
4. Osceola Dragway	O
5. Wisconsin International Raceway	W
6. Cordova International Raceway	R
7. Eddyville Raceway Park	E
8. Cedar Falls Motorsports Park	F
9. The Ugly Dragway	B
10. Great Lakes Dragaway	L
11. Central Illinois Dragway	C

**US 131 Motorsports Park, 1249 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Martin, MI  
Radio Station 102.5**

**IHRA "THUNDER" SUMMIT TEAM FINALS SCHEDULE**

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

***Run order – Mod, Street, Juniors, Top***

***Gamblers Order – No Box, Box, Juniors***

**Thursday September 17**

Parking and Registration  
Test and Tune

12:00 pm – 9:30 pm  
2:00 pm – Dark

**Friday September 18**

Gates Open  
Gamblers Time Trial (One)  
Gamblers Eliminations  
Registration Closes

8:00 am – 9:30 pm  
9:30 am  
Following Time Trial  
9:30 pm

**Saturday September 19**

Gates Open  
Team Captains Race  
Special Judging (In Staging Lanes)  
Team Photos  
Time Run (1 session)  
Gamblers Eliminations (one round)  
Main Event Eliminations (one round)  
Gamblers Eliminations continue  
Track Operator Meeting

8:00 am – 9:30 pm  
9:00 am  
Following Team Cpt. Race  
During Special Judging  
Following Special Judging  
Following Time trial  
Following Gamblers E1  
Following Main Event E1  
After First Round of Main Event

**Sunday September 20**

Time run for racers still in Main Event  
Conclude Main Event Eliminations

9:30 am  
Following Time run

**Schedule may change at any time. Specialty events are time and weather permitting**

