

# SAGE RACEWAY

IDAHO FALLS DRAG RACING

# BRACKET RACING 101

ANY CAR. ANY DRIVER. IT'S ALL ABOUT CONSISTENCY.

Bracket racing levels the playing field so almost any vehicle can win.

It comes down to reaction time, consistency, and smart decisions.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THE FASTEST. YOU JUST HAVE TO BE THE MOST CONSISTENT.

## 1 HOW IT WORKS

During time trials, you determine how quick your car runs and choose a **DIAL-IN** time – the elapsed time (ET) you believe your vehicle can run.

In eliminations, the slower car gets a head start based on the difference in dial-in times.

<b>CAR A</b>	<b>CAR B</b>
DIAL-IN	DIAL-IN
<b>10.50</b>	<b>14.20</b>
SECONDS	SECONDS

**HEAD START**  
**3.70** SECONDS  
(14.20 - 10.50 = 3.70)

### THE GOAL:



GET A GOOD REACTION TIME



RUN AS CLOSE TO YOUR DIAL-IN AS POSSIBLE



CROSS THE FINISH LINE FIRST WITHOUT RUNNING FASTER THAN YOUR DIAL-IN

## 5 COMMON BRACKET RACING CLASSES

Classes may vary by track, but typically include:



SUPER PRO



PRO



SPORTSMAN



MOTORCYCLE



JR DRAGSTER

Different rules and starting systems may apply, but the bracket racing concept is the same.

## 2 WHAT IS A BREAKOUT?

If you run quicker than your dial-in, it's called a **BREAKOUT** and usually results in a loss.

DIAL-IN	ACTUAL ET
<b>10.50</b>	<b>10.47</b>

## BREAKOUT

IF BOTH RACERS BREAK OUT:

The racer who breaks out by the **LEAST** amount usually wins.



**BREAKOUT**  
**-0.02**

VS



**BREAKOUT**  
**-0.07**

## 3 REACTION TIME MATTERS

Reaction time is the time between the last amber and the green light.

A slower car can beat a faster car by:

- ✓ Leaving the starting line quicker
- ✓ Running more consistently

PRE-STAGE

STAGE



**BETTER REACTION TIME CAN WIN THE RACE!**

## 4 THE WIN LIGHT

The win light is based on a combination of:



REACTION TIME

+



CLOSENESS TO YOUR DIAL-IN

+



AVOIDING A BREAKOUT



**YOU DON'T NEED THE FASTEST CAR. YOU NEED THE MOST CONSISTENT PACKAGE.**

## 6 WHY RACERS LOVE BRACKET RACING



SKILL



CONSISTENCY



FOCUS



VEHICLE SETUP



DRIVER ABILITY

REAL RACING.

REAL COMPETITION.

REAL FUN.

WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE TRACK!