



2023 Peanut Butter & Jam Event Policies & Procedures

The following policies, procedures, and rules are in place for the 12th Annual Peanut Butter and Jam Nationals and complement the NHRA 2023 Rule Book.

Class splits will be designated as follows;

Lightening – NHRA Advanced (13-18); 7.90 Dial
Thunder – NHRA Intermediate (10-12); 8.90 Dial
Storm – NHRA Novice (8-9), Youth (7); 11.90 & 13.90 Dial

1. **The decision of the Starter is final regarding action on the drag strip.**
2. Drivers running quicker than the 13.50, 11.50, 8.50, or 7.50 barriers will be disqualified as outlined on pages 28 to 31 of the NHRA Jr Drag League Rule Book. Drivers running faster than 85.00 mph during eliminations will be disqualified. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Please familiarize yourself and crew with the NHRA Jr Drag League rule book.
3. The Auto Start starting line system will be used for the event. Once three staging lights are on, the driver of the car that is not staged has 15 seconds to light the second bulb. Once both cars are staged the Christmas tree will fire at a random interval. **There are NO Pullbacks.**
4. **Tru-Start will be used for all Jr races at this event.** The worst red light will result in a loss, if both drivers red light.
5. The higher qualified driver will receive lane choice during main events, Consolation rounds will be decided by coin toss if required.

6. All racers are asked to courtesy stage. That means not turn on the second staging light until the opponent has lit his or her first staging light. The starter may pull you back if you stage too quickly. Or if you are taking too long to stage the starter can wave you up.
7. Deep staging is permitted. However, intentionally staging deep is done at your own risk. The starting system will activate the Auto Start system as soon as both cars have staged. In such an event, the race will be considered valid.
8. Racers are allowed one pushback to do a burnout per run. Burnouts may not cross the starting line under power.
9. Parents and crew **may not touch the car after the pre-stage light is on, if this occurs they will be disqualified from the competition.** Pushing the car into the staging bulbs is not allowed. In eliminations after initial start-up if your car stalls one chance will be given to restart the car within a reasonable time at the Starter's discretion.
10. Dial-ins are the responsibility of the driver and crew. Check your dial-ins on the scoreboard before you stage. If there is a problem, indicate that to the Starter and do not stage. Once the driver pre-stages (first bulb on), there will be no reruns even if dial-ins are posted incorrectly.
11. Car numbers and dial-ins must be clearly readable from the control tower. Hand held dial-in boards are not allowed. All boards must be mounted on the car. Shoe polish or dial-in markers are allowed.
12. Dial-ins cannot be changed once the car has reached the yellow painted line near the underside of the tower on the east side.
13. All Jr. Dragsters must have a tow flag whenever they are being towed throughout the facility. It should be brightly colored. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT SAFETY REGULATION. The flag should be on the race car-not just the tow vehicle. Drivers of full-sized vehicles need to see your race car and might not do so without the flag.
14. Jr. Dragsters may not be driven in the pits. Absolutely no burnouts in the pits. Violators may be dismissed from the event.
15. Anyone operating any type of motor vehicle (tow vehicle, scooter, moped, quad, etc.) on the grounds must be at least 16 years of age. Helmets are required during operation of all quads, scooters, moped etc.

16. Bicycles, scooters, skateboards are not permitted in the staging lanes, staging area, or anywhere near the starting line.

17. Before arriving at tech, please make sure you have your tech card completed, and bring your valid Jr. Drag Racing License and all safety equipment with you.

These rules are in place to enhance the safety and fairness of competition at this event. In addition any racer found to display blatant disregard for their own safety or that of others will be disqualified from the event at the discretion of racing officials and event coordinators. Any conflicts brought to the attention of Nitro Ratz executive; will get final ruling/discipline made by majority vote of current Nitro Ratz executives on site. This decision is final and cannot be overruled by any other person or group.