

About **the**



Founded in 1992, the JDRL has approximately 3,000 drivers.

Jr. Dragsters are half-scale dragsters powered by five-horsepower engines that can produce speeds up to 85 mph.

The NHRA Summit Racing Jr. Drag Racing League (JDRL) competes on an eighth-mile distance.

The average age of a Jr. drag racer is 12.

Anyone can join the JDRL, but kids must be ages 5 through 17 to compete as drivers.

Drivers ages 8 to 9 may run as quick as 11.90 seconds (about 50 mph) on the eighth-mile. Drivers 13 to 17 may run as quick as 7.90 seconds.

The states with the most competitors are California, Texas, and Florida.

A basic Jr. Dragster costs about \$5,000. The helmet, clothing, and other equipment are additional.

About 35 percent of JDRL members are female.

The JDRL is one of three NHRA youth programs. Youth & Education Services and NHRA Jr. Street are the others.

It costs \$19 per year to join the JDRL (\$34 for drivers).

Beginning in 2015, racers at the JDRL Eastern and Western Conference Finals will compete in nine age categories (6-7, 8-9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16-17).

The highlight of the JDRL racing season is the NHRA Jr. Drag Racing League Eastern and Western Conference Finals; a combined purse of \$100,000 will be given away.

About 120 tracks in North America have JDRL programs.