



2021 IHRA
SUMMIT “THUNDER” TEAM FINALS
US 131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI
September 23-26, 2021
(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.

- 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 24, 2021.**
- 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 or 50% of completed events, 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 52 competitors including two alternates.** There is no entry limit for any class. Each team will be issued 104 team code decals and each car competing must have a team code decal displayed on the driver’s side and front of the vehicle. **If a team car breaks, the team captain can use the alternate or the original driver listed on roster can move into another vehicle.** Each team captain must notify race director of car substitution and must have the replacement vehicle teched before the first round of eliminations of the class. No team members may be added to the roster after the first class call for the Main Event.
- 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. **All credentials will be done at the US 131 Customer Service booth in the staging lanes.**
- 6. TRACK CODE & CAR NUMBERS -** Each participant must have a competition number clearly 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 **five digits total**, including the track code (example: U4567).
- 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. Once a racer declares the team he/she wishes to represent, he/she may not change teams. A racer may drive the same car in

multiple classes. A competitor may enter 2 cars in the same class with 2 different numbers. Racer must be listed on roster for each main event entry regardless of class. **Any driver or vehicle can only go down the track twice per round, regardless of class. Any driver or car can only time trial once per class regardless of entries.** Boxes must be removed from car to run in No box classes. **Junior competitors with Beginner licenses will run separate until one is left in competition. At that point they will pair with the remainder of the class.**

- 11. SUMMIT SUPERSERIES** - Any Summit SuperSeries competitor that has an IHRA membership and “X” number registered and valid according to IHRA records from at least May 1, 2021 through the 2021 Summit Team Finals event and can win the 2021 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 1st 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 vehicles only. Any “non-traditional” vehicle will be allowed at the discretion of the Race Director and will be subject to additional safety requirements. (For instance, pit bikes will run per required ET motorcycle standards) No electronics of any kind allowed. **The team captain entering this race may race on a regular basis. The team captains may participate in the main event.**

- 13. TIME TRIALS** - Time trials will be run in sessions by class. **No extra time trials if a competitor misses the schedule session.**

- 14. ATV's & PIT BIKES** - The 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:

TOP ET	(1/4 mile: 0 – 11.99; 1/8 mile: 0 – 7.99)
MODIFIED ET	(1/4 mile: 0 – 13.99; 1/8 mile: 0 to 9.09)
SPORTSMAN	(1/4 mile 12.00 & slower; 1/8 mile 7.50 & slower)
JR DRAGSTERS	(All run) beginner competitors will run separate until 1 left.
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.

- 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.
- 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.
- Modified ET** - Delay boxes and air throttles prohibited. All accepted trans brake buttons, trans brakes, two steps, and pneumatic or electric shifters permitted.
- Sportsman** – Delay boxes, air throttles, starting line enhancers, trans brakes, two steps, buttons on the steering wheel and nitrous are prohibited. Slicks, headers and line locks in the burnout process only permitted. Throttle must be manually operated by the driver's foot. Electronics, pneumatics, hydraulics, or any other device may in no way affect the throttle operation. A fixed stop under carburetor or gas pedal is permitted. Automated shifter: Prohibited unless OEM.
- 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.
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. The team rule applies to the main event. Gamblers races will not be separated by team.
22. **TEAM PIT PARKING SELECTION** - Team parking will be designated by IHRA on order of finish from the previous year.
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. Gamblers races will not be separated by team. 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 round 4 and will run off. The winner of that runoff will be placed back in round 5.**
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. In this case dial-ins cannot be changed after given the signal to start cars.
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 – The Car specific best of awards will be judged over the course of the weekend by IHRA officials. Photos of the winners will be Saturday morning:

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

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 & Gold Card
Runner Up	1,000
Semi Finalists	400
6th Round Loser	125
5th Round Loser	100
4th Round Loser	80

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

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

Junior Dragster Winner	Ironman & Gold Card & \$400
Runner up	\$200 & Trophy
Semi Finalist	\$100 & Trophy
Quarter Finals	\$60 & Trophy
Final remaining Beginner	Summit prize

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

No-Box, \$2,000 to win, further payout set after 1st round totaling 75%
Box, \$2,00 to win, further payout set after 1st round totaling 75%
Junior – 80% payback (win, r-up, semi, qtrs) Final remaining Beginner – Summit Prize
Sportsman – 80% payback (win, runner-up, semi, qtrs)

30. ENTRY FEES -

Car & Driver	\$60
Jr. Dragster	\$60
Crewman	\$40-Entry on any day
General Adm Adults	\$20 (1 day)
Child (6-12)	\$10 (Thur or Fri Entry) \$5 (Sat Entry)
Thursday Test and Tune	\$30
Friday/Saturday Box Gamblers	\$60 (1 st round buyback \$30)
Friday/Saturday No Box Gamblers	\$60 (1 st round buyback \$30)
Friday/Saturday Junior Gamblers	\$30 (1 st round buyback \$15)
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 D5 SUMMIT TEAM FINALS (Tentative List) –

TRACK NAME	CODE
US 131 Motorsports Park	U
Muncie Dragway	N
Mid-Michigan Motorplex	X
US 41 Motorsports Park	F
Marion County Dragway	M
Osceola Dragway	O
Bunker Hill Dragstrip	H
The Ubly Dragway	B
Lapeer Dragway	L
Grand Bend Motorplex	G
Saint Thomas Raceway Park	S

IHRA “THUNDER” SUMMIT TEAM FINALS SCHEDULE

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

US 131 Motorsports Park, 1249 12th Street, Martin, MI
Radio Station 102.5

Run order – Mod, Top, Juniors, Sportsman

Thursday September 23

Parking and Registration	12:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Test and Tune	2:00 pm – Dark

Friday September 24

Gates Open	8:00 am – 9:30 pm
Open Time Trial (One)	9:30 am
Gamblers Eliminations	Following Time Trial
Registration Closes	9:30 pm

Saturday September 25

Gates Open	8:00 am – 9:30 pm
Team Captains Race	8:30am
Special Awards photos	8:30am
Team Photos	9:00am
Gamblers Eliminations (one round)	10:00am
Main Event Eliminations (to conclusion)	Following Gamblers E1

Sunday September 26

Gates Open	8:00 am
Gamblers Eliminations continue	9:00am
Track Operator Meeting	10:30am

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