

# 2008 Bristol Dragway Policies and Procedures

- **Auto Start**

Bristol Dragway uses the Compulink Auto Start program. With this system, the Starter activates the computer once both racers have pre-staged. The computer will actually activate the tree. The system has a built in timing device that will activate the tree 15 seconds after both racers have pre-staged and one has staged. If you do not stage within 15 seconds you will receive a red light and lose the round. Auto Start is NOT used for Junior Dragster Division 1 but Auto Start will be used in Jr. Dragster Div. 2. In the Super Pro class only, the total time out will vary between 10 and 15 seconds.

- **Break Policy**

The break policy will be as follows: If your entry breaks prior to the start of 1<sup>st</sup> round of time trials, you must take your ticket to the Drag Tower and have it signed by the race director. You may then present your ticket to the ticket booth for a refund, less the admission price.

- **Burnouts**

Liquid burnouts will be allowed in all eliminators. Water burnouts only, in designated area. Designated areas are the two concrete pads behind the starting line. NO burnouts, other than in the water box will be permitted. Anyone performing a burnout anywhere else will be disqualified. Over-the-line burnouts under power are prohibited.

- **Buy Backs**

Time permitting; all classes are eligible to buy back in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of eliminations. Bristol Dragway will make all efforts to have buybacks during each bracket race event. There will be no buybacks after 1<sup>st</sup> round. Buyback prices are as follows:

Super Pro - \$35

Pro - \$25

Sportsman - \$15

Motorcycle - \$10

Jr. Dragster - \$10

- **Bye Runs** –

Round 1 will be determined by the best reaction time of the last time run session, excluding Thunder Bucks. Starting with 2<sup>nd</sup> round of eliminations the bye run will be determined by the best reaction time of the previous round of side-by-side competition. If chosen for bye run, the bye will have lane choice. In the event of a tie, winner will be chosen with best overall package. Each driver is eligible for only one bye run during an elimination program.

- **Competing In Two Eliminators**

Drivers will be allowed to run in Super Pro, Pro and Sportsman but are not allowed to run with the same vehicle. **It is understood that eliminations will NOT be held up to wait for anyone who is running multiple classes or 2 entries in the same category.** Driver may run 3 classes with multiple cars but 2 different drivers may not run the same vehicle.

- **Dial-Ins**

Dial-Ins / Car numbers **MUST** be prominently displayed on all four sides of entries so that competitors, officials, etc., can see the dial-in from all areas. All dial-ins must be to the hundredth of a second (0.00). Drivers may change their dial-ins before each round. All dial-ins must be on the car before the car leaves the head of staging lanes (yellow line) prior to passing under control tower and **cannot** be changed from that point. Bristol Dragway is

equipped with dial-in boards and the dial-ins of both cars will be displayed on these boards as well as the scoreboards. It is the responsibility of the racer or his/her crew to make sure the dial-in is correct. **Once you leave the water box and before you reach the starting line, check the dial-ins. If you feel the dial-in is incorrect, DO NOT STAGE your racecar.** Notify a track official and they will check the dial-in for you. Staging the racecar is an indication to the starter that you have accepted the dial-in. Even if a dial-in is incorrect, once staged, you have accepted that dial-in and the race will not be re-run.

- **E.T. Booth**

All racers must come to complete stop at the E.T. Booth when picking up their time slip. Racers are not to leave the E.T. Booth under excessive speed or by doing a burnout. All Jr. Dragster participants must come to a complete stop and with engine off. **ANY RACER DISREGARDING THE ABOVE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE EVENT.**

- **Eliminations**

You will report to your assigned lane during eliminations when called by the announcer. Any racer having problems in the staging lanes has the option to keep pushing his car forward in his lane to try to fix the problem. Once he reaches the head of the staging lanes the 2 minute rule will apply: Drivers will be allowed one (1) 2-minute grace period between the head of staging lanes and the water box. From the water box, a 15 second rule will apply. You may not accumulate time. If you can not get your car fired after the 2-minute grace period, you will be disqualified. If this occurs in first round of eliminations you are eligible to buy back into second round. You are **not** paired until both cars reach the Yellow line at the head of staging. The Staging Director will motion to both cars, acknowledging them as a pair. Once **both** drivers start under their own power and give the indication they are ready to race, the Staging Director will send them out to the tunnel area. If either car cannot pull out under its own power after being acknowledged as a pair, the other car will receive a single run as competition broke (after the 2 minute rule). Please report promptly to the designated lanes and be ready to race when it is your turn. Complete all maintenance on your car in your pit area. The only exception is during the late rounds of eliminations, when lanes are less crowded. You will be given ample time to cool, refuel or recharge batteries in the staging lanes prior to the next round being called. Each class will receive 15 minutes at the end of the round when there are 16 cars or less. If all competitors have returned to the lanes before the 15-minute mark is up, we will begin the next round. Bristol Dragway reserves the right to waive the 15-minute rule when faced with inclement weather or the 1am curfew. In which case we would call round robin.

- **Gate Times**

- For the following dates: July 19 & 20; July 26 & 27; Sept. 6 & 7; Oct. 4-5

Saturday: Gates open at 9:00 am, Time Trials at Noon with Eliminations to follow

Sunday: Gates open at 8:00 am, one Time Trial at 9:00am with Eliminations to follow

- **Lane Assignment**

Drivers who wish to run the left lane should enter an odd numbered staging lane (1,3,5,etc). Drivers who wish to run the right lane should enter an even numbered staging lane (2,4,6,etc). This is true for both time trials and eliminations. Once the Staging Director has motioned for the cars at the front of each lane to pull out, you will not be able to change lanes. Any racer caught changing lanes at this time will be disqualified. The Staging Official located at the back of the staging lane will also close those lanes at this time. Any racer caught changing lanes at this time will be disqualified. During eliminations, all cars will be run side by side from the front to rear of the lanes. In the event that all remaining cars are in the same lane, lane choice will be determined by the drawing of high card by the driver. High card will receive lane choice. Race Director can pull any lane in any order.

- **Pit Bikes/Carts**  
All pit bikes/carts will be required to prominently display the racers entry number. You must be 16 years of age or older and hold a valid drivers license. **The NO BICYCLES ALLOWED rule will be strictly enforced this year.** Bicycles, skateboards or scooters are not allowed within the facility. Disqualification from event will be the results if above rules are not followed.
- **Pit Parking**  
Bristol Dragway offers reserve pit parking during all regular bracket races ONLY. You may purchase these at any time. Spaces may be renewed each year prior to Open House. All vehicles MUST be removed from the pit area on Monday prior to any special events. No participant parking or trailers will be allowed behind the tower or on spectator side. **Vehicles not removed will be removed at owner's expense. Bristol Dragway will not be responsible for any damage or stolen property.**
- **Points**  
Anyone participating in the Bristol Bracket Races or Summit E.T. Bracket Finals must participate in Bristol Dragway Bracket Races prior to 1<sup>st</sup> round of eliminations to earn points for that event.
- **Points Breakdown:**  
Points will be awarded as follows: 10 points for making one time trial run, 10 points for every round won in eliminations. Final round bonus points are 5 points to the winner and 3 points to the runner-up.
- **Points in case of a non-completed event**  
Points will be awarded based on completed rounds per class after the second round. For Example: If you are halfway into the 4<sup>th</sup> round and the race is called due to rain, you will be awarded points through the 3<sup>rd</sup> round. If your class has completed the 4<sup>th</sup> round then you will receive points for 4 rounds.
- **Purse in case of a non-completed event**  
The purse will be divided among those that have completed their run, not round.
- **Protesting of Points**  
There will be a \$50.00 protest fee for having your points verified as correct. If the track is found to be wrong, the driver will get the protest fee back. If the driver is found to be wrong, the track will get the protest fee. **THERE WILL BE NO CHECKING OF POINTS DURING THE RUNNING OF ELIMINATIONS.**
- **Protesting A Race Car**  
A protest of any racecar must be accompanied with a \$200.00 protest fee. Only a driver in the same elimination class may file a contestant protest. The protested car will be disassembled for inspection and reassembled by the car owner before the next round of elimination's. Refusal to submit to a protest inspection will result in being found illegal. If the protested car is found to be legal, the protested driver will receive 2/3's of the protest fee, and Bristol Dragway will receive the remaining 1/3 of the fee. If the protested car is found to be illegal, the protest fee will be refunded to the protestor, and the illegal car/driver will be suspended for a period of one (1) year.
- **Rain Policy**  
The rain policy will take effect after the second round of eliminations has been completed (per class). If the second round is not completed and the race has been cancelled, tickets will be valid for the next available bracket race. Tickets **must be kept** in order to be

honored at the next available bracket race. A rainout entry will not be honored without the rainout ticket. Rainouts will not be rescheduled.

- **Run Decals**

Each racer will be issued a colored run decal, which must be placed on your car by the Tech Official. All run decals will be placed in the lower left corner of the driver side windshield. **No run decal, no time trial.** Decals will be marked for each time trial run. You will be called to the lanes by the color of your run decal. If you miss your session, DO NOT come up with the next session without the approval of Track Management.

- **Run Order**

Time trail order will be determined by Dragway Staff and will notify all classes to the stage by PA announcements.

- **Speed Limit**

The speed limit anywhere in the pit area of the racing facility is 10 MPH. The pit area is anywhere except the racing surface.

**Anyone (Participant/Crew/Spectator) caught exceeding the 10 MPH speed limit will be disqualified from the event.**

- **Staging**

Once you have completed your burnout you will be required to start your staging process. **Please courtesy stage, DO NOT fully stage until your opponent pre-stages.** When both participants have pre-staged, then you may proceed into the stage beams. Once you are staged, this indicates to the starter you have accepted your dial in and that you are ready to race. Your last staging motion MUST be a forward motion. Once both drivers have pre staged and one has staged, his or her opponent then has 15 seconds to stage with the exception of Super Pro then the time will vary between 10 and 15 seconds. Failure to stage in the allotted time will result in disqualification.

- **Staging Lanes**

No 4-wheel, 3-wheel, pit bikes, golf carts, etc. will be allowed into the staging lane area. Drivers must be in proper safety attire prior to advancing to the water box. (Please refer to the 2007 NHRA Rulebook for safety equipment listings.)

- **Starting Line**

Only (1) one crewmember will be allowed beyond the head of staging at any given time during the time of competition of that vehicle.

**NO STANDING OR SITTING IN FRONT OF OR BESIDE OF CONTROL TOWER.**

- **Tear Down**

Bristol Dragway officials have the right to tear down any racecar at any time during the event. This does not have to be done under protest; it may be at the discretion of the Bristol Dragway officials. Any participant found illegal will be subject to the NHRA Suspension Policy found in your 2008 NHRA Rulebook.

- **ThunderBucks**

During a regular bracket race if time allows, a **Thunder Bucks** will be run after time trial session. Drivers can pay a separate \$10 entry fee to participate. The driver who runs closest to his pre-selected dial-in will receive half of the money from the Thunder Bucks entries. In case of a tie winner will be determined by best reaction time. Thunder Bucks will be run in a handi-cap start, just like eliminations.

- **Time Trials**

Run decal does not guarantee holder more than one time trial per event. Everyone will be given one (1) time trial, with the possibility of two (2), time permitting. If you miss one or

both sessions, and have completed the tech inspection, you may run in eliminations. If you miss the first session for your class **DO NOT** get in line with another class. You will not be permitted to run during another class session.  
**(Time Trial schedule subject to change)**

- **Weekly Tech**

Officials will follow the Tech guidelines as stated in the 2008 NHRA Rule Book. Drivers will be required to report to Tech with their cars ready to be inspected. **Please have your tech card filled out completely and legible at that time. At every bracket race event, if the tech card is not filled out completely the driver will not be allowed to make a time run. This will be strictly enforced in 2008.**

- **ETI Program:**

Bristol Dragway encourages the use of the Extended Tech Inspection in 2008 . The ETI program allows each NHRA member track to inspect vehicles once in a season or the first time it attends the event. The initial inspection is good until the date shown on the ETI logbook, which is one year from the inspection. Initially, each vehicle is thoroughly inspected and all information is documented into an ETI logbook, and a serialized identification sticker is attached to the vehicle. All expiration dates for safety equipment and driver credentials are inserted into the logbook. When a competitor attends his or her next event, the logbook is presented and the attached vehicle identification sticker is checked to coincide with the identification number in the ETI logbook. If more than one driver is involved with a car, each competitor must have a separate serialized ETI sticker.

## **2008 Points Breakdown**

- **Points will be awarded as follows:**

**10 points** for making one time trial

**10 points** for every round won in eliminations

**Final Round Bonus Points:**

**5 points** to winner

**3 points** to runner-up

- **SUPER PRO – Electronics Class (4.00– 8.49)**

Super Pro participants who run 4.00-8.49 (NHRA specifications) are required to have an NHRA license. Vehicles within these specifications will also be required to undergo a chassis inspection for certification. NHRA officials will be on site throughout the year for inspections. Bristol Dragway Tech officials are also qualified to administer a 90-day participation waiver on all **NEW** non-certified which will be honored until NHRA officials are able to inspect the vehicle. All electronics that are approved by NHRA are permitted to be used in this class. Any competitor caught using illegal products will be disqualified and will also be suspended for 1 year from the date of infraction from Bristol Dragway. See the 2008 NHRA rulebook or consult a Bristol Dragway Tech Official prior to using any devices in question.

**Note: Anyone running faster than 4.50 will be required to meet NHRA Advanced ET rules found in the 2007 NHRA rulebook.**

▪ **PRO – Non Electronics Class (4.50 and slower)**

Pro participants, who run 4.50 and slower without electronics, are eligible to compete in this category. Any competitor caught using electronics will be disqualified and will also be suspended for 1 year from the date of infraction from Bristol Dragway. See the 2007 NHRA rulebook or consult a Bristol Dragway Tech Official prior to using any devices in question. In this class, the starter will not recognize deep staging. It is the driver's responsibility to get in deep.

▪ **SPORTSMAN – 7.00 & Slower**

Please refer to the Policies & Regulations for the Pro Category. The only difference would be the ET break. In this class, the starter will not recognize deep staging. It is the driver's responsibility to get in deep.

▪ **PRO BIKE**

Motorcycle participants, who run 4.50 and slower, are eligible to compete in this category. Electronics are permitted if approved by NHRA guidelines. Any competitor caught using illegal products will be disqualified and will also be suspended for 1 year from the date of infraction from Bristol Dragway. See the 2008 NHRA rulebook or consult a Bristol Dragway Tech Official prior to using any devices in question. It will be **mandatory** that all Motorcycle participants use **dial in** and **number** plates on their race bike. This is an NHRA rule and will be enforced by Bristol Dragway. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Trial Session will be run as a qualifying session in order to pair you on a ladder for eliminations.

▪ **JR DRAGSTER**

We will again run two (2) Divisions again this year in Jr. Dragster. In 2008, the age groups will be:

Division 1	ages 8 -12 (January 1 <sup>st</sup> )
Division 2	ages 13 -17 (January 1 <sup>st</sup> )

We will **NOT** be pairing you on a ladder this season. In the event of an odd number of cars, the best reaction time will be given the bye run. **Buybacks will be permitted, first round ONLY. All Jr. Dragster participants must have a dail-in plate.**

All Jr. Dragsters must be started in the staging lanes only. Only one person may assist them from the staging lanes to the water box area. The only other assistance from this person will be to push the dragster backwards (only once).

All Jr. Dragsters must display a flag at all times when being towed.

Auto Start will **NOT** be used in Jr. Dragster Division 1. If driver goes in too deep, he must wave his or her hand to be pulled back by a track official (only once).

Auto Start will be used in Jr. Dragster Division 2 with no pull backs.

For safety, we ask that only one person go to the water burnout area with each dragster. Once that dragster has completed his or her burn out, the helper must report immediately behind the spectator fence in the pit area. Please do not remain on the starting line as it hinders the next contestant from preparing for their run.

Jr's will line up on the outside of the fence by staging lane number 1 for time trials. This area is located beside the tower parking lot. Jr's will be brought out through the gate beside the

control tower. We ask that you park your tow vehicles in the spots designated as golf cart parking behind the tower.

- **Summit ET Bracket Finals Participation**

In order to participate in the Bracket Finals, you will need to have a valid NHRA number. Registration forms are available in the Bristol Dragway office located in the tower.

**The NHRA Southeast Division Summit ET Finals will crown Champions in Super Pro, Pro, Sportsman and Super Pro Bike. We will qualify 35 members, from Bristol Dragway, to participate in the 2008 Summit Bracket Finals at Atlanta Dragway. This event will be held on October 9-11, 2008. Breakdown as follows:**

15 Super Pro – Electronics

15 Pro – Non-Electronics

3 Sportsman

2 Pro Bikes

- **Jr. Dragster Points Championship** Juniors from Division 2 will compete in the Jr. Dragster finals that will be held in South Georgia Motorsports Park. The event will be held on October 16-18, 2008. All Jr. Dragsters that join the Bracket Club will be eligible to participate in the Division 2 Championship race.

# Bristol Dragway Weekly Purse

## Super Pro - \$50

Winner -	\$1,500
RU	\$600
Semi	\$250
Quarter	\$100
3rd Round Wins	\$25
Buybacks	\$35

## Pro - \$40

Winner -	\$750
RU	\$300
Semi	\$150
Quarters	\$75
3 <sup>rd</sup> Round Wins	\$20
Buybacks	\$25

## Sportsman - \$25

Winner -	\$150
RU	\$75
Semi	\$25
Quarters	\$15
Buyback	\$15

## Motorcycle - \$25

Winner -	50% of entry fees
RU	25% of entry fees
Buybacks	\$ 10

## Jr. Dragster \$15 (Div. 1 / 8-12) (Div. 2 / 13-17)

Winner	\$100
RU	\$ 50
Semi	\$15
Quarters	\$10
Buyback	\$10

Non-Qualifiers will fall back into the Super Pro Class, if you lose 1<sup>st</sup> round of Quick 16, you are eligible to buy back into 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Super Pro Class.

**THE BRISTOL DRAGWAY GENERAL MANAGER HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ALTER OR CHANGE ANY RULE OR REGULATION AT HIS DESCRETION THAT HE DEEMS NECESSARY OR PERTINANT TO THE OUTCOME OF ANY UNFORSEEN SITUATION OR CIRCUMSTANCE. NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE UNLESS FOUND ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.**

Good Luck,  
Your 2008 Bristol Dragway Staff

*Jack Cocklin (Race Director)*  
*Brandon Cross (Adm. Manager)*  
*Richard Keesling (Starter)*  
*Kenny Morrell (Water Box)*  
*Curt Smith (Staging Lanes)*  
*James Riley (Starter)*  
*Michael Hicks (Tech)*  
*Bob Burton (Fuel Pumps)*

*Derek Smith (Points)*  
*Jean Arnold (Ticket Booth)*  
*Sally Smith (Control room – Computer)*  
*Tammy Moore (ET Booth)*  
*Chrisy Awtonomow (Ticket Booth)*  
*Jonathan Hutchinson (Staging Lanes)*