



2023 NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION GENERAL INFORMATION

CONTESTANT ENTRY FEES: Contestant entry fees are due prior to gates opening for the event at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2023. The team is to consist of 32 qualifiers, with a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 24 in the four E.T. Brackets (S/Pro, Pro and Sportsman. Min. does not apply in S/P Bike). In addition, each track is permitted to bring 2 EV Class and High School entries (no entry fee for HS). Total fees due: \$2,380 (34 x \$70). Please note any 2023 NHRA Gold Card Holder and deduct \$70 each. There is no charge for High School entries. Make check payable and send fees to: William Tharpe NHRA Division 3 ET Series, PO Box 34300, Indianapolis, IN 46234. Event crew passes at \$40 each will be available at the event pit gates.

TEAM ROSTER: The Team Roster or team entry list is due in the Division office by Monday August 31, 2023 by 5pm. The Track Manager and/or Team Captain may make changes to your roster, including Race of Champions representatives, until 12 p.m., Thursday, September 14. *Note: The #1 position in each category is your representative for the Race of Champions. NO alternates or substitutions will be permitted for the Race of Champions participants after roster deadline.*

TEAM CAPTAIN: The Team Captain may be the track manager or a designated representative of the team present at the E.T. Finals, who may be called upon in the event of any schedule changes, etc. (It is recommended that the Team Captain NOT be a racer competing in the event, so as not to burden them with necessary get-togethers.) The Team Captain will be the "official connection" between the event director and your team members. A Team Captain meeting will take place at the Parks Tower Friday, September 15, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

CONDUCT:

Un-sportsman like conduct will not be tolerated. Please refer to the 2023 NHRA Rulebook. A midnight noise curfew will be in effect for this event. Any individual and/or team found to be violating the curfew with excessive noise or unsafe behavior will be subject to removal from the facility and/or disqualification from the event and forfeiture of points earned per the Division Director. Overnight security will be in place.

TECH CARDS: Tech cards must be completed and submitted online by Friday September 8th. These are to be COMPLETELY FILLED OUT. Note, submitted tech cards will be used to confirm participant entry into the event.

COMPETITION LICENSE: To avoid delays in processing of competition licenses, we ask that competition licenses be obtained in advance. Neither the North Central Division office nor the San Dimas, CA offices will be processing licenses the week of the event. **Licenses will NOT be processed on site.**

TECH INSPECTION: It is the responsibility of each Track to explain the online tech process. Self tech will be conducted by the racer by completely filling out the information on the tech card. Spot checks will be performed on site. **A car/bike may only be entered by one driver/rider and may only be entered in up to two categories.** A qualified racer may be entered in a maximum of four brackets. Of importance are all the safety items, refer to the 2023 NHRA Rulebook E.T. Bracket Racing and General Regulations sections. An NHRA Competition License and ET Number is required for all entrants, except High School. These are to be obtained prior to the event (Note: it must be an NHRA ET number and not a Super Gas or other category number.) **S/Pro and Pro cars running 6.39 or quicker will be required to have an NHRA/SFI Chassis Certification.**

(ALL CONTESTANTS MUST HAVE A VALID NHRA LICENSE & MEMBERSHIP (does not apply to High School).)

DELAY BOXES: Delay boxes will be permitted in S/Pro (1/8 mile 4.30 – 7.75) and Super Pro Bike (1/4 mile 7.50 – 15.99). Delay boxes will NOT be permitted in Pro (1/8 mile 5.40 – 8.99), Sportsman (1/4 mile 11.60 – 19.99), or High School. **Any racer found to be using a delay box or device in Pro, Sportsman, EV Class or High School will be disqualified, in addition, his or her team will be disqualified from any Team Championship standings and awards.**

CHRISTMAS TREE: The Christmas Tree will be fully blinded/shaded with Compulink L.E.D. bulbs aimed in-line toward each lane. The Compulink CrossTalk feature will be used in Super Pro and Super Pro Bike. AutoStart will be used in all categories. The timeout interval will be 10-seconds and the dial-in will be considered accepted once the driver has pre-staged. Details of the Compulink AutoStart and CrossTalk features will be available in race control.

****TruStart will be used in ALL Categories for the entirety of the Event including Race of Champions, High School, and all Bonus Races. ****

E.T. CONVERSIONS: Below is a handy reference guide for converting 1/8 mile to 1/4-mile elapsed times. These are only estimates, the racer's performance at the NHRA Summit Racing Series Finals dictates their safety requirements. Every effort should be made by the Track Manager and Track Tech Advisors to place the qualified entry in the proper Bracket on your Team Roster. Minimum or maximum numbers in each bracket may not be exceeded.

<u>ET BRACKET</u>	<u>1/8 MILE</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>1/4 MILE +/-</u>	<u>2023 Div 3 FINAL Brackets</u>	
Super Pro	4.30 – 7.67	=	7.00 – 12.50	4.30 – 7.75	1/8-Mile
Pro	5.40 – 8.81	=	8.50 - 14.50	5.40 – 8.99	1/8-Mile
Sportsman	7.40 – 12.99	=	11.60 – 19.99	11.60 – 19.99	1/4-Mile
Super Pro Bike	4.50 – 9.92	=	7.50 – 15.99	7.50 – 15.99	1/4-Mile
EV Class	5.40 - N/A	=	9.00 – N/A	9.00 – N/A	1/4-Mile
High School	7.40 – 12.99	=	11.60 – 19.99	11.60 – 19.99	1/4-Mile

ASSIGNED TEAM PIT AREAS: Team parking will once again be used at this year's E.T. Finals. A map of the park will be issued at the time of registration indicating each Team's parking area. These are general areas and do not have specific dimensions. Team areas in the grandstand are on a first come-first served basis. Grandstand areas are to be reasonable in size. No banners or decoration may cover any permanent track signage or cause damage. All decorations are to be removed by the team at the conclusion of the event. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

TEAM DESIGNATIONS: Each team member will be issued Team Designation letter decals. These decals will be issued at the event and are to be displayed on either side of the race vehicle and windshield (headlight or helmet on bikes).

2023 TEAM LETTER CODES

- A – Beech Bend Raceway
- L—Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway
- J—Byron Dragway
- N—National Trail Raceway
- S – Summit Motorsports Park
- M – Milan Dragway
- C—Coles County Dragway USA
- E – Edgewater Sports Park
- G—World Wide Technology
- K—Kil-Kare Dragway
- T – Wabash Valley Dragway
- V – Ohio Valley Dragway
- W – Wagler Motorsports Park

TIME TRIAL SESSIONS: Time Trials will be conducted in sessions. Cars/Bikes are to report to the staging lanes only when instructed to do so. The run cards given each contestant will be closely watched. **Any racer found to exceed the number of allotted daily runs would be disqualified from the event.** Every effort will be made to provide each racer with their allotted time run sessions as scheduled.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Thursday, September 14, 2023

TEST AND TUNE: \$50 tech card, must be purchased separately upon entry if you want to participate in the test and tune. Testing will be from 12pm-6pm.

Friday, September 15, 2023

TIME TRIALS: S/P, Pro, Sportsman, EV Class and, S/P Bike. High School will run 1 time trial. A second time trial session will be offered to those competitors NOT running in the bonus races.

RACE OF CHAMPIONS: The Race of Champions will be held Friday afternoon, September 16th. There will be an individual race for each of the 4 brackets (S/Pro, Pro, Sportsman, & S/Pro Bike). The fields will consist of the #1 qualifier from each track in their individual bracket as designated on the Team Roster.

****Note**** NO alternates or substitutions will be permitted, and the Race of Champions qualifier must compete in the same E.T. bracket during regular eliminations. Qualifiers should complete both of their scheduled Friday time trial runs prior to the start of elimination, which will commence at 3:00 p.m. A special time trial session for Race of Champion participants that have not taken their allotted 2-time runs will run prior to driver introductions. Race of Champions qualifiers will not receive any additional time runs. Drivers will be introduced on stage in front of Parks Tower prior to the first round of competition.

	Super Pro	Pro	Sportsman	S/Pro Bike
WINNER	\$1000	\$1000	\$700	\$700
Runner-up	\$400	\$400	\$300	\$300
Semi-finalist	\$200	\$200	\$100	\$150

FRIDAY BONUS BRACKET RACE: A special bonus race will run on Friday evening for Pro, S/Pro, S/Pro Bike and Sportsman classes. Racers who have not qualified for the Race of Champions will be eligible to enter the bonus race. Entry fee of \$50 must be paid prior to the start at the NHRA Registration Trailer. Entry permitted only to the class in which a racer qualified for the Summit ET Finals. Multiple class entry permitted only for those who qualified for multiple classes. Vehicle in competition must be the same as their registered and teched ET Finals vehicle. No backup vehicles permitted. No refunds after the start of the first round of the race. No buybacks permitted. High School and EV Class competitors will be permitted to enter the Sportsman class. In the event we are unable to complete eliminations. Payouts will be split among remaining competitors in last completed round of competition.

Pro, S/Pro and Sportsman Payout: Winner \$1000, RU \$400, Semis \$150, Quarters \$75
S/Pro Bike Payout: Winner 60%, RU 20%

Saturday, September 16, 2023

DIALING FOR DOLLARS: Special jackpots will be run during the Saturday morning time trial sessions. There will be 4 individual jackpots, one each in S/Pro, Pro, Sportsman and S/Pro Bike, with a \$10 entry fee (collected in the staging lanes). 50% of the jackpot will go to the racer closest to his/her dial-in, 25% will go to the second closest to his/her dial-in. In case of a tie, reaction time will be the first tie breaker, if a tie still exists, the first run recorded will be used to break the tie.

BEST APPEARING AWARDS: A Best Appearing Car will be selected in S/Pro, Pro ET and Sportsman and the Best Appearing Bike will be selected from the S/Pro Bike entries. Judging for the Best Appearing Awards will take place during the Dialing for Dollars. Additionally, the Best Engineered Entry and Best Appearing Crew will be selected. Winners will be announced Sunday morning.

NATIONAL DRAGSTER TEAM SPIRIT: There will be a *National DRAGSTER* Team Spirit award presented to the team showing the most team spirit/support during the event. The *National DRAGSTER* Team Spirit Award will be judged throughout the event with the winner announced during the special award presentations on Sunday. Winning track receives \$400.

HIGH SCHOOL ELIMINATOR: Each track may have two High School representatives who are currently enrolled in high school or was a 2023 graduate. No entry fee will be charged. **The student and/or their car for competition may NOT be entered in any other bracket at the E.T. Finals.** The dial-in limit is 11.60 seconds or slower. **No tow vehicles allowed.** Tires are limited to a DOT street tire. Minor release forms have been included in this packet and must be properly completed and turned in at time of registration. An NHRA Competition number is not required. The Team Letter code will be used for scoring i.e. A1, A2; B1, B2, etc. High School will be offered one time trial on Friday, followed by an additional two time runs and eliminations on Saturday. Elimination rounds will run in rotation between other categories. The winning student will receive a Championship Wally, Champions ring, Gold Card, and Champion's jacket.

TRACK OPERATOR RACE: A special Track Operator Race will be contested on Saturday afternoon. This is for Track Operators and/or Managers, one per track. The same car rules for the Track Operators as applies in High School. **The car and/or driver may not have participated in the event in any other category. No co-pilots in competition.**

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Rain Date if Needed for completion of Event

CONTINGENCY AWARDS: Eligibility for manufacturers' 2023 NHRA Summit Racing Series Division Championships Contingency Awards is based on use of product, display of decal on each side of the vehicle during the event and signing of an advertising release. Check with sponsors for exact qualifications. Sponsors have the right to request post-event inspections for product verification. A limited number of sponsor decals will be available during registration hours at the registration trailer.

PRIZES: All Super Pro, Pro, Sportsman, S/Pro Bike, EV Class, and High School participants will receive an NHRA Summit Racing Series hat and 2023 qualifier decal at the event. Division Champion jackets and special Division Champion gold rings will be awarded at the annual NHRA North Central Division Awards Banquet. Rings are presented to the S/Pro, Pro, Sportsman, S/Pro Bike, EV Class and High School Division Champions at the banquet.

2023 North Central Division Finals Payouts

	S/PRO (4.30-7.75)	PRO ET (5.40-8.99)	SPORTSMAN (11.60-19.99)	S/PRO BIKE (7.50-15.99)	EV Class (9.00 – Slower)
Champion	\$8,000 *	\$8,000 *	\$5,000 *	\$4,000 *	\$4,000 *
Runner-up	2,500	2,500	750	600	500
Semis	1,000	1,000	500	300	200
6th Rd	500	500	400	250	
5th Rd	300	300	250	100	
4th Rd	150	150	150	75	

- Includes \$3,000 National event qualifying bonus from Summit Racing Equipment.

NHRA SUMMIT RACING SERIES NATIONALS: Division Champions in Super Pro, Pro, Sportsman and S/Pro Bike will advance to the NHRA Summit Racing Series Nationals to be held in conjunction with the NHRA Finals in Las Vegas, Nevada., October 26-29, 2023. Each national participant will receive \$3,000 for attending and entering the event. Each NHRA Summit Racing Series National Champion will receive \$5,000. Should the Division Champion not be able to attend the national championships then the Race of Champion winner will be invited and will receive the \$3,000 upon participation. The third alternate will be the event runner-up and the fourth alternate will be the Race of Champion runner-up. Should none of the four be able to attend, then the position will be left vacant. **Participants must attend national championship to receive \$3,000 bonus.** A total cash purse of \$116,000 has been posted for the NHRA Summit Racing Series National Championships.