

NATIONAL DRAGSTER[®]

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Dear track operator, manager, and reporter,

It's time once again to begin preparing for another season of bracket racing and all that comes with it, including sending your reports into *National Dragster*. *ND* offers several opportunities to NHRA member tracks to publicize events as well as the track itself. These opportunities include:

- **Member Track News**, the most expansive bracket racing section with stories and photos from track races.
- **Bracket Racing North America**, which allows you to recognize weekly winners at your track with final-round statistics and the names of semifinalists in each race.
- **Be A Winner, Be A Member**, a special program that awards prizes to NHRA members who win a race at NHRA member tracks.
- **Racing Calendar**, a listing of major drag racing events scheduled at NHRA member tracks.
- **Bits from the Pits**, a potpourri of drag racing news that often features information from various NHRA member tracks.
- **Jr. Dragster**, a bimonthly online publication devoted entirely to the NHRA Summit Racing Jr. Drag Racing League.

As an NHRA member track, these sections are open to you, and, best of all, they cost you nothing. All we are asking is for you to send in your results, stories, and race dates for publication. Your track and racers will receive as much coverage as we have material.

Attached you will find information for each of these *ND* sections, including guidelines for submissions. If you have questions on these at any time, feel free to contact us.

We look forward to working with you in the year to come!

Sincerely,

The *National Dragster* Staff

626-914-4761 (Mon.-Thurs.: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fri.: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PT)

email: etracing@nhra.com

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HOW TO SUBMIT MEMBER TRACK NEWS STORIES

INFORMATION TO INCLUDE

- Track name and location
- Date of the race
- Author's name
- All pertinent information in each eliminator: name, e.t., and dial for both the winner and runner-up. Reaction times when important (ie: when race was decided by reaction-time advantage, red-light, etc.).
- You may also include: car year and make/model of the winner and the name of semifinalists.
- All stories must be typewritten and **no longer than 500 words**.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Tracks may submit photos to accompany their Member Track News stories. For more on submitting photos, see the “Photo” page in this packet. Photos will be selected at the discretion of *ND* staff. Please make sure photos meet all requirements listed on the “Photo” page of this packet.

DEADLINE

All Member Track News **stories must be sent** to *National Dragster* **within two weeks of the race date**. Copy received after the deadline will not run.

For more information, contact us at 626-914-4761
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PT

RNA is an aggregate listing of the final-round statistics and the names of the semifinalists each eliminator. Tracks can submit an unlimited number of reports each year.

National Dragster's online reporting form can be found at <http://www.nhra.net/brna> (instructions are below). **Only results submitted through the online form will be accepted.**

ND will run photos with BRNA reports when space permits. Please email photos to etracing@nhra.com. For more on submitting photos, see the “Photos” page.

Reports must be sent to *National Dragster* within two weeks of the race date.

All submissions must include track name, event date, racing category(ies), sender's email address, and winner's name. Any submission that does not include these five items will not be accepted. **If you do not have information for one of the other category fields (such as car make/model, dials, etc.), leave that field blank.**

1. Select your track by clicking on the drop-down menu and selecting your track's name.
2. Select the date of the event from the drop-down menu (Results sent more than two weeks after the race date may not appear in *ND* — *ND* will try to accommodate late results but cannot guarantee they will be published).
3. Enter the racing category for which you are entering results (e.g., Super Pro, Motorcycle, Jr. Dragster).
4. In the Submitted by box, enter your email address.
5. Enter the winner's information:
 - Name: Must include first and last name; no nicknames.
 - Year: Two digits only (e.g., 67, 02).
 - Car: Submit the model when available. When submitting the model, there is no need to include the make (e.g., Camaro, not Chevy Camaro; Mustang, not Ford Mustang). Include make only if model is unknown.
 - Dial: Include where applicable. May also be used to enter index in heads-up index races.
6. Enter the runner-up information following the same format as for the winner. If the runner-up red-lighted or his/her car broke on the run, check the appropriate box. Note: Do not check the broke box for breakouts; enter the run information as you would any other clean run.
7. Enter the semifinalists' information. Only names are needed for semifinalists. If there was only one semifinalist, leave the second box blank; do not enter "bye" or anything else.

Click on the “Save these results and input more” button. A blank entry screen that now includes your track name, the event date, and your submitted-by information will appear. Beginning with number 5, follow the same steps as above to enter your next category. Continue until you have entered results for all categories.

Click on the “Send completed results” button. When prompted click Yes or No to request or decline an email copy of your results. You will then see a copy of what has been submitted to *ND*. You cannot edit these results; if you see an error, send an email with the correction to etracing@nhra.com.

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PHOTOS

HOW TO SUBMIT PHOTOS

National Dragster encourages reporters to send in photos of winning racers. *ND* only accepts electronic photos (electronic photos must meet *ND* guidelines for publication, see below). Email your photos to etracing@nhra.com.



HOW TO SELECT PHOTOS

National Dragster accepts color photos only. Each report usually includes one to four photos; however, big events may include more. Make sure photos correlate with information within the story (such as final-round action, single car shots of winners, and trophy presentations/winner's circle shots).

INFORMATION TO INCLUDE WITH EACH PHOTO

- Who is in the photograph and where they are (ie: near lane, far lane, left, right)
- Name of photographer

NHRA ELECTRONIC PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

When submitting photos for publication, keep in mind that while images may look good on your monitor, they may not reproduce well in printed publication. Images that are 72 dpi, commonly used on websites, are low quality and will print as such; therefore, *ND* cannot print photos that are 72 dpi at standard size.

Image size — a minimum of 1600 x 1200 pixles (approximately 5x7 at 300 dpi) is required for a printed publication. Please refer to your camera's or scanner's manual for appropriate file settings to meet this minimum requirement.

Email — If you are sending multiple photos by email, *ND* recommends separating the photos into multiple emails (in your subject line, note the number of emails you are sending — e.g. Photos 1 of 3 — so we ensure all are received). Note: Send the original photo file (e.g. .jpg, .tif, etc.) attached to the email; do not place photos into the body of the email or in another program, such as MS Word, prior to sending them.



Be A Winner, Be A Member rewards NHRA members who win a race at an NHRA member track with valuable prizes from sponsors.

All submissions will be verified. Racers submitting fraudulent entries will be disqualified from the program.

WHEN THE PROGRAM RUNS

Feb. 1 to Oct. 31. Only races won between those dates are eligible.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

NHRA full and associate members who win a bracket racing event at their local NHRA member track. NHRA Summit Racing Jr. Drag Racing League memberships are not eligible. A competition license or permanent number alone is not sufficient; the racer must be a current NHRA member as well.

WHICH RACING EVENTS ARE ELIGIBLE

Track-run bracket racing events only. NHRA-scheduled and -operated events are not eligible. Ineligible events include, but are not limited to, the NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series, NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series, NHRA Hot Rod Heritage Racing Series, NHRA Pro Mod Drag Racing Series, and SPORTSnationals events, as well as National Opens and series run at divisional events. Exhibition and match races, including NHRA Professional categories (Top Fuel, Funny Car, Pro Stock, Pro Stock Motorcycle), jet cars, Pro Mods, etc., are not eligible.

RAINOUTS/OTHER UNCOMPLETED RACES

Only one winner per category per race is allowed. If an event is not completed (due to rain or other circumstances) and no single winner is declared, no entries will be accepted.

HOW TO ENTER

Racers/tracks may only submit their entries online at
<http://www.nhra.net/beawinner/>

****All entries submitted to the Be A Winner, Be A Member program will be verified. Racers submitting fraudulent entries will be disqualified from the program and be ineligible to participate in all future prize drawings. Tracks sending false entries will be disqualified from submitting future submissions on behalf of its racers. Please read all instructions/requirements carefully to ensure your entries meet all requirements.****

PRIZE DRAWINGS

Held the second week of the following month. 2014 prize drawing schedule: February/March drawing: April 9; April: May 7; May: June 11; June: July 9; July: Aug. 6; August: Sept. 10; September: Oct. 8; October: Nov. 5.

WHEN AN ENTRY WILL APPEAR IN *ND*: Three to four weeks after it is received at *National Dragster*; however, if the entry is extremely late and that date has already passed, it will not appear in *ND*. For questions regarding entries, email etracing@nhra.com or call 626-250-2331 (due to the volume of inquiries, it may take up to one week to respond).

WHAT IS RACING CALENDAR?

HOW TO SUBMIT

INFORMATION TO INCLUDE

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WHAT IS BITS FROM THE PITS?

Bits from the Pits is a potpourri of racing news that runs in each issue of *National Dragster*. *ND* will gladly run news from member tracks in Bits from the Pits when space is available. Bits from the Pits stories are short, so do not send in more than a page of information. Association news may be sent to Bits from the Pits so that it will not count toward Member Track News submissions. Association news can be no longer than 250 words and may include one photo.

HOW TO SUBMIT BITS FROM THE PITS INFORMATION

Information for Bits from the Pits is accepted by email only. Please email submissions to bits@nhra.com.

JR. DRAGSTER[®]

Jr. Dragster and jrdragster.nhra.com provide expanded coverage of racing in the NHRA Summit Racing Jr. Drag Racing League with race results listings, full event stories focusing solely on Jr. drag racing, information about track programs, and profiles on JDRL racers.

HOW TO SUBMIT RACE RESULTS

All results must be submitted by the track or by someone authorized by the track using the *National Dragster* Bracket Racing North America online submission form. Tracks currently using the form do not need to do anything else to get results in *Jr. Dragster*/jrdragster.nhra.com. If your track is not currently using the BRNA online submission form, see the Bracket Racing North America page in this packet for details on how to submit your results. **Only results submitted through the online BRNA form will be accepted.**

HOW TO SUBMIT RACE STORIES

Race results stories are accepted by mail or email:

Jr. Dragster
attn: Candida Benson
P.O. Box 5555
Glendora, CA 91740
email: jrdragster@nhra.com

On all stories, please include the track name, date of the race, author's name, and all pertinent information in each eliminator: name, e.t., and dial for both the winner and runner-up; reaction times when important (e.g., when race was decided by reaction-time advantage, red-light, etc.); and so forth. Tracks may also submit photos to accompany the stories. There are no limits on the number of photos a track may submit with their *Jr. Dragster* results stories.

HOW TO SUBMIT STORIES ON RACERS AND OTHER NON-EVENT STORIES

Tracks are also invited to send stories about their racers, track programs, or other happenings involving their Jr. drag racing program. Like race results stories, racer profiles and non-event stories are accepted by mail or email at the addresses listed above.

DEADLINE

All **race results and race stories must be sent** to *Jr. Dragster* **within two weeks of the race date** (postmark on mailed in entries can be no later than two weeks after the race). Racer profiles and other stories may be submitted at any time. However, if they are time sensitive (i.e. information on an upcoming big event), stories should be submitted within a reasonable period of time for consideration. A full deadline schedule for upcoming *Jr. Dragster* issues is on jrdragster.nhra.com.

**For more information on *Jr. Dragster*/jrdragster.nhra.com and how to submit stories or results, contact Candida Benson at 626-914-4761 ext. 316
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PT**