



2024 / 2025 Championship Series

This rulebook provides guidance on how the IHRA NZ Championship Series will operate. Any rules & regulations not explicitly stated in this document are as per the IHRA NZ Rulebook.

If you have any questions, please contact IHRA NZ, your driver or rider representative, or track representative.



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Series Calendar

Event	Date	Track Classification	Track	City
Round One <i>Feat. NZ Vintage Gassers</i>	Sunday, 17 th November 2024	Group 2 & 3	Pegasus Bay Drag Racing Club	Christchurch
Round Two <i>Wellington Invasion</i>	Saturday, 11 th January 2025	Group 1 - 3	NAPA Auto Parts Dragway	Meremere
Round Three	Sunday, 26 th January 2025	Group 2 & 3	Pegasus Bay Drag Racing Club	Christchurch
Round Four <i>IHRA NZ Nationals</i>	Saturday, 15 th March & Sunday, 16 th March 2025	Group 1 - 3	NAPA Auto Parts Dragway	Meremere

Categories & Entry Fees

Top Alcohol \$180	Top Doorslammer \$180
Supercharged Outlaws \$150	Competition Eliminator \$150 <i>(IHRA NZ index classes combined; Competition Eliminator, Top Street, Sport Compact)</i>
Competition Bike \$150	Super Sedan \$120
Modified \$120	Modified Bike \$80
Screaming Eagle \$80	Junior Dragster Free
Super Street \$80 <i>(Teen Racing – Free)</i>	
IHRA NZ Day Affiliation Fee \$25 <i>(any non-IHRA NZ Member)</i>	



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Points Allocation

Any racer who competes at any of the four championship series rounds is eligible for points. This is IHRA or NZDRA license holders, IHRA NZ associate members (including participants who pay day affiliation in lieu of membership).

There will be no cap, and no minimum number of rounds required to be eligible for the Championship titles, except for the requirement to race at Round Four (Finals). The racer with the highest points will be awarded 1NZ, second highest points will be awarded 2NZ, and third highest points will be awarded 3NZ in the respective categories available to enter.

Multiple Drivers

All racers sharing the drive of a vehicle must be named and confirmed at the first event entered in the Championship Series. Where a driver unknowingly needs to be changed mid series, an application for approval must be made to IHRA NZ.

Vehicle Change

A racer needing to change the vehicle during the season must submit an application to IHRA NZ for approval. A vehicle change may only be done so once in the series.

Transferring Points

Points are not transferable between categories.

Only one classification change is permitted within Competition Eliminator or Competition Bike to retain allocated points, for example reclassify from AA/TS to BB/TS.

Ladders

All categories after qualifying will be paired up under a Pro Ladder.

Indexes

- All indexes will be softened by 2 tenths from the 1st of July each year. Indexes will only be softened to a maximum of 4 tenths from the current record. Starting indexes will not be softened.
- CIC (Competitor Index Control) system in effect during eliminations.
 - If an index is 9.00 and a racer runs 8.00 in eliminations, the index will automatically adjust by half; in this case the new index will be 8.50 for the next round. The system will adjust the index if a racer continues to run under the index throughout eliminations.



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- If a racer runs twice under the index at the same event through qualifying or eliminations, the index will be changed for the next meeting to the quickest ET as long as it was back up by 1%, if not backed up within 1% then the second quickest ET under the index will be the index for the next meeting.
 - The index will change whether the racer claims the record or not.

Interisland

50 points

Awarded once, only when a racer completes interisland crossing and entry is accepted for 1 of the series rounds. Applied to your total points tally.

Entry

20 points

Upon vehicle and racer acceptance at the track entry booth.

Qualifying

No 1 8 points
No 2 7 points
No 3 6 points
No 4 5 points

No 5 4 points
No 6 3 points
No 7 2 points
No 8 1 point

Final Placing

Winner 100 points
Runner-up 80 points
Semi-final 60 points
Quarter-final 40 points
Eight-final 20 points
Sixteenth-final 10 points
Thirty second-final 5 points

If there is a draw on total season points for 1st, 2nd or 3rd, a count back will apply to determine the winner of each placing. The countback will be total points earned over all rounds plus the interisland points (if applicable).

If there is still a draw after a countback, equal placings will be awarded.

Winning the Championship

You must enter the finals to be eligible to win the Championship.



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Penalties / Disqualification

Should any racer be disqualified from an event outside of a race loss (eliminated), for example, underweight vehicle, breach of other rule requirements such as running under ET restriction, abuse of track or IHRA NZ officials the racer will receive zero points for that event.

Event Abandonment

Abandoned at qualifying or rounds not finished

Where categories have finished rounds of qualifying, racers will be awarded qualifying points.

If a category has not finished all rounds of qualifying their qualifying points will be awarded based off the last completed qualifying rounds i.e. 1 round of qualifying completed, points awarded based on that round, 2 rounds of qualifying completed, points awarded based on those rounds.

Abandoned at quarterfinals or earlier rounds that are not completed

Points will be awarded to minimum potential at any point that can be earned after qualifying has been completed (40 points).

Abandoned at semi-finals that are not completed

Points will be awarded as the minimum potential at any point that can be earned after qualifying has been completed (60 points).

Abandoned at finals that are not completed

- Runner-up points (80 points) will be awarded to both racers who would have run in the final.
- The final will be held at the next event in the 2nd qualifier.
- The final will decide who receives the runner-up points and the winner points. The points will be rectified after the event.
- If only one racer enters the next event at which the final will be run. The racer must front the starter and accept the green to take the win.
- If for any reason, both racers do not enter the next event where the final is to be run, the runner-up points from the previous event will stand and cannot be contested.

Round Four / Series Final not completed

Should the final round of the series be abandoned before the event opens, the competitor with the highest points from each category will take the final placings in the series (interisland points included in the tally).

Should the final round of racing at the Championship Series Final be abandoned, points will be awarded as per the above sections.



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- **Abandoned at qualifying or rounds not finished**
- **Abandoned at quarter finals or earlier rounds that are not completed**
- **Abandoned at semi-finals that are not completed**
- **Abandoned at finals that are not completed** – only first bullet point will be applied.

Trophies / Prize Money & Tow Money

- Trophies for the winner and runner-up for each category will be awarded at each event.
- Prize money and tow money for each event is in accordance with the respective member track policies. Please contact the track directly to enquire about their prize money and tow money policies.
 - NAPA Auto Parts Dragway: meremeredragway@xtra.co.nz
 - Pegasus Bay Drag Racing Club: pegasusbaydragracing@gmail.com

Championship Series Awards

Placings for the championship series will be awarded to 1NZ, 2NZ, and 3NZ for each category. Trophies and certificates will be awarded to all 3 place getters for each category. Prize money will be awarded to the 1NZ and 2NZ of each category as per below.

Top Alcohol & Top Doorslammer

1NZ \$1800

2NZ \$1200

Supercharged Outlaws, Competition Eliminator, Competition Bike

1NZ \$1000

2NZ \$500

Modified, Modified Bike, Screaming Eagle, Super Street

1NZ \$400

2NZ \$200

Junior Dragster

1NZ \$150

2NZ \$100



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Category Details

Top Alcohol

Non-qualifiers will be seeded into Supercharged Outlaws.

- Format: Chicago shootout
- Qualifying: Based on ET (quickest to slowest)
- Field Size: 8 car field
- .4 Pro Tree
- Turnaround Time: 60 minutes from the last pairing

Refer to IHRA NZ Rulebook section 5.13 for full class requirements.

Top Doorslammer

Non-qualifiers will be seeded into Supercharged Outlaws.

- Format: Chicago shootout
- Qualifying: Based on ET (quickest to slowest)
- Field Size: 8 car field
- .4 Pro Tree
- Turnaround time: 60 minutes from the last pairing

Refer to IHRA NZ Rulebook section 5.12 for full class requirements.

Competition Eliminator

For the IHRA NZ Championship series, index categories have been combined (Competition Eliminator, Top Street, and Sport Compact). Non-qualifiers will be seeded into the respective Super Sedan or Modified class as per rule book designations.

- Format: Index
- Qualifying: Closest to or quicker than their classification index
- Field size: 16 car field
- .4 Pro Tree
- Turnaround time: 45 minutes from the last pairing

Refer appropriate section in the IHRA NZ rulebook for full class requirements. Section 5.10 Competition Eliminator, 5.08 Top Street, 5.07 Sport Compact.



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Supercharged Outlaws

Non-qualifiers from Top Alcohol or Top Doorslammer will be seeded into this category.

- Format: DYO
- Qualifying: Based on ET (quickest to slowest)
- Field size: Unlimited
- .4 Pro Tree
- Turnaround time: 60 minutes from last pairing

Refer to IHRA NZ Rulebook section 5.09 for full class requirements.

Competition Bike

Non-qualifiers will be seeded into Modified Bike.

- Format: Index
- Qualifying: Closest to or quicker than their classification index
- Field size: 16 bike field
- .4 Full Tree
- Turnaround time: 45 minutes from the last pairing

Refer to IHRA NZ Rulebook section 5.11 for full class requirements.

Super Sedan

- Format: DYO
- Qualifying: Based on best non red reaction time
- Field size: Unlimited
- .4 Full Tree
- Turnaround time: 20 minutes from last pairing

Refer to IHRA NZ Rulebook section 5.05 for full class requirements.

Modified

- Format: DYO
- Qualifying: Based on best non red reaction time
- Field size: Unlimited
- .4 Full Tree
- Turnaround time: 15 minutes from last pairing

Refer to IHRA NZ Rulebook section 5.06 for full class requirements.



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Modified Bike

- Format: DYO
- Qualifying: Based on best non red reaction time
- Field Size: Unlimited
- .4 Full Tree
- Turnaround time: 30 minutes from the last pairing. Can be adjusted to 15 minutes at notice from Race Director

Refer to IHRA NZ Rulebook section 5.03 for full class requirements.

Screaming Eagle

- Format: DYO
- Qualifying: Based on best non red reaction time
- Field size: Unlimited
- .4 Full Tree
- Turnaround time: 30 minutes from the last pairing. Can be adjusted to 15 minutes at notice from Race Director

Refer to IHRA NZ Rulebook section 5.04 for full class requirements.

Super Street

- Format: DYO
- Qualifying: Based on best non red reaction time
- Field size: Unlimited
- .4 Full Tree
- Turnaround time: 15 minutes from the last pairing. Can be adjusted to immediate at notice from Race Director

Refer to IHRA NZ Rulebook section 5.02 for full class requirements.

Junior Dragster

- Format: DYO
- Qualifying: Based on best non red reaction time
- Field size: Unlimited
- .4 Full Tree
- Turnaround time: 15 minutes from the last pairing

Refer to IHRA NZ Rulebook section 5.01 for full class requirements.