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2025/2026 Rule Book Supplement

This Rule Book Supplement has been created after the IHRA NZ Rulebook was published on August 1st 2025. These supplementary rules override what is written in the published version and are to be read in conjunction with the 2025/2026 IHRA NZ Rulebook. Safety rules and regulations, and rule clarifications can be added and amended at any time of the year by the IHRA NZ Board. All supplementary rules will be included in the next annual rulebook review.

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RACE DIRECTOR ROLE

The Race Director is responsible for the conduct of the event in compliance with the IHRA NZ rulebook and any additional supplementary Track rules. He/she has authority over all Track Officials in regards to race matters. He/she is obligated at all times to consider the recommendations of IHRA Officials and must be prepared to fully justify refusal of any IHRA Official recommendation where the IHRA Official has been engaged to provide guidance. This does not extend to safety recommendations/decisions made by the IHRA Official. The Race Director, either of his/her own volition or through the recommendation of the Starter and/or Area Steward, shall have the authority to exclude (disqualify) any organisation, vehicle, or competitor and team from further participation in an event. In any instance of blatant disregard for safety by a Race Director, the IHRA Officials present and/or the Starter/Track Prep Official, at the event may override the Race Director and order the cessation of racing until the track is considered safe by all - Race Director, IHRA Area Steward and the Starter. In the event of a serious incident/fatality, the Race Director is to involve Track Boards and/or Track Managers in any discussions and decisions that impact the continuation of a meeting wherever practical.

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Section 3.57 - Helmets

All Group One, two and three sedans, Altereds, funny cars and dragsters quicker than 10.00 seconds (1/4 mile) 6.50 seconds (1/8 mile) must have the following helmet, SNELL SA2020 SAH2020 SA2015, SFI 31.1 or SFI41.1

Group Two and Three sedans, Altereds, funny cars and dragsters quicker than 11.00 seconds and slower than 10.00 seconds must have the following helmet, SNELL SA2020, SA2015, M2020 SFI 31.1 or SFI41.1

Cars slower than 11.00 seconds, any open or full face (no Motocross helmets) helmet meeting one of the following standards: SNELL SA2020, SA2020 SA2015, SFI 31.1, SFI41.1, AS or NZS 1698 or European Standard (R22); 'E' Mark, 02, 03, 04, 05 or 06 series

Motorcycles with ET quicker than 10.00 seconds: SNELL M2020, SA2020, SAH2020 SFI 31.1, SFI41.1 or European Standard (R22) 'E' Mark, 05 and 06 series helmets.

Motorcycles with ET slower than 10.00 seconds: SNEL M2020, SA2020, SAH2020 SFI 31.1, SFI41.1, SFI41.1, AS or NZS 1698 or European Standard (R22); 'E' Mark, 02, 03, 04, 05 or 06 series

Junior Dragster: SNELL M2020, SA2020, SA2015, SAH2020 SFI 31.1, SFI41.1, SFI41.1, AS or NZS 1698 or European Standard (R22) 'E' Mark, 02, 03, 04, 05 or 06 series

Reasoning – removed in error.

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Section 3.59 – Parachutes

Parachutes fitted to any vehicle must be fully operational at all times while racing. Vehicles with parachutes must deploy chutes on any run not aborted prior to half track. Failure to follow rule may result in a warning. Continued disregard for the rule may result in disciplinary action.

Reasoning – removed in error.

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Section 5.01 – Junior Dragster

DRIVETRAIN

CHAIN/BELT GUARD: All cars must be equipped with a guard to cover the width and at least the top run to the centre line of the sprocket of any chains or belts. Guards must be minimum 3mm steel, or 5mm aluminum, and must be securely mounted, no tie wraps. **Recognised chassis / frame manufactured chain guards accepted at tech inspector's discretion.** Moving engine/drive train parts must be protected by frame rails or steel or aluminum guards to avoid unintentional contact.

Reasoning – increased availability of purpose built chain guards on the market.

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Section **5.01 JUNIORS**

Junior Dragsters (5.01a) and Junior Drag Bikes (5.01b) should race in their own class if there are sufficient numbers (4). If there are fewer than 4 Junior Drag Bikes they will race in the Junior Dragster class.

A Junior Dragster and Junior Drag Bike are prohibited from running side-by-side.

When the race ladder pairs a Junior Dragster and Junior Drag Bike together to race, both vehicles will present to the start line as a pair, but only one will run at a time. This includes their burnout, staging and the race itself. All standard race rules still apply i.e., lane choice, DYO.

Once the first vehicle completes its run, the second vehicle will then make its pass.

Race control will confirm the winner, or the updated ladder will show who progresses to the next round.

Section 5.01a JUNIOR DRAGSTER

(No other changes within section, just the addition of the suffix.)

Section 5.01b JUNIOR DRAG BIKE

(Removal of reference to Junior Drag Bike running within Junior Dragster as this has been moved to the new *Juniors* section.

No other changes within section, just the suffix change.)

Reasoning - This rule was only in the Junior Drag Bike section. As this rule may impact Junior Dragster racers they need to be aware of it. A section for Juniors has been created that will be able to cover any rule that applies to both Juniors Dragsters and Junior Drag Bikes to avoid confusion. The Junior Dragster (5.01a) and Junior Bike (5.01b) will only contain rules specific to those vehicle types and racers. All other rules will be tidied up at annual review.

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