

Pueblo Motorsports Inc.
2008 Racers Handbook



CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF DRAG RACING IN THE ROCKIES

Pueblo Motorsports, Inc. Staff and Management welcome you to Pueblo Motorsports Park

2008 marks our 35th year of racing at one of America's most complete motor sports facilities. To help you enjoy your participation at PMP we have prepared this outline of general rules and information covering drag racing events at PMP. If you have any questions or concerns please contact a staff member or the Track Manager Jay Gilman

The National Hotrod Association (NHRA) sanctions drag racing events at PMP. The 2008 NHRA Rulebook is the primary authority in matters of technical inspection, safety procedures, and, race operations unless otherwise noted in these rules. Specific exception will be noted in this rulebook. ET bracket racing at PMP is part of the SUMMIT ET RACING SERIES in the NHRA Division 5.

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the conditions of events, and by participation in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules. No express or implied warrant of safety shall result from publication of or compliance with these rules and/or regulations.

They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator, or official. The Race Master shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any specification herein or impose any further restriction. No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from such alteration of specification. Any interpretations of these rules are left to the track officials. All officials' decisions are final.

The Race Master will have the final authority for all decisions concerning the race day procedure. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the rules or procedures in the handbook please contact PMP staff or the Race Master.

General Procedures

- ❖ **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS ARE PROHIBITED**—Use by driver, crewmember, or spectator will result in disqualification or ejection! Drivers are responsible for their crewmembers and spectators.
- ❖ **SPEED LIMIT**—Is 15 MPH for all vehicles including ATV's, Golf Carts, Motorized Scooters, and Motorcycles. THIS SPEED LIMIT WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.
- ❖ **BIKES, ATV'S GOLF CARTS, MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, AND MOTORCYCLES**—must be identified by the driver's competition number. **RIDERS AND DRIVERS MUST BE 16 YEARS OLD AND HOLD A VALID STATE DRIVERS LICENSE** and must have a wristband and signed waiver on file. **MINI Motorcycles/Pocket Rockets are not allowed without a flag attached that extends at least 4 foot in the air.**
- ❖ **PIT VEHICLE REGISTRATION**—Pit vehicles will need to be registered with PMP. There is no charge for this service. Race participants are responsible for all their pit vehicles and the safe operation of them. It is the racers responsibility to insure only licensed drivers operate their pit vehicles.
- ❖ **REGISTRATION / COMPETITION NUMBERS**—Registration for points cost \$30.00 and is required to earn points for the season championships and to qualify for the NHRA Division 5 ET Finals. Registered racers are to tech in the assigned lane. Registered racer will not have to go to the tech shack you're your tech card filed out completely and your registered racers card and stay in your car. The tech inspector will sign your card and have you sign the release and give you a wristband. Anyone with out a valid NHRA number will be required to purchase a PMP number at a cost of \$5.00. This number is good for the full season for all events at PMP.
- ❖ **NHRA Membership**—All racers who run at the ET Finals for team PMP must have a valid NHRA membership and NHRA competition number.
- ❖ **TOW VEHICLES**—Allowed in SUPER PRO and SUPER COMP only. Tow vehicles must have the driver's competition number and dial—in clear view.

- ❖ **PARKING** – Is by reserved pit spaces. Please make sure you check the asphalt for a white block with a blue number before parking. Reserved spaces are marked in this manner. **If you park in a reserved space and the racer it belongs too arrives you will be asked to move.** Non-reserved spaces are on a first come first serve basis. Truck and trailer parking on the asphalt pit lanes is prohibited. If you are not certain on parking you may ask for a map at the gate to see which spots are open.
- ❖ **GLASS CONTAINERS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT PUEBLO MOTOR SPORTS PARK.**
- ❖ **REFUNDS**—All vehicles need to be race ready upon entering the facility; however, if you should break prior to making any runs you may get your entry fee back minus the daily spectator fee. Once you have made any runs no refund will be given.
- ❖ **RESTRICTED AREAS**—Extend from the front of the staging lanes down the racetrack around the return road to the ET slip booth. **NO ONE** except working crewmembers are permitted in this area. **THE AREA IN FRONT OF THE TOWER AND BEHIND OR BESIDE THE BURNOUT BOX ARE NOT SPECTATOR VIEWING AREAS.EVEN THOSE SPECTATORS WITH WRIST BANDS ARE NOT ALLOW IN THIS AREA** All drivers, crew and photographers wishing to enter the restricted area must sign a waiver and obtain a wristband at the Tech Shack. **THE TOWER WILL GIVE OUT NO WRISTBANDS. The tower is restricted to employees only.**
- ❖ **PUEBLO MOTOR SPORTS PARK PERSONNEL MAY REFUSE RACE PRIVILEGES TO ANYONE ON THE BASIS OF SAFETY VIOLATIONS OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**—Any condition judged to be unsafe, unfair, or out of order may be cause for disqualification. Unsportsmanlike conduct, improper language, or physical violence towards a staff member, official, or participant may be cause for disqualification or permanent ejection from PMP.

Race Procedures

- **TECH INSPECTION**—is located at the north end of the staging lanes. The Tech Inspectors are there to assist you in maintaining a safe race vehicle. All vehicles must go through an inspection prior to running in any event. **There is a designated lane for registered racer use only.** Each race class will be assigned a Tech lane and assigned a tech inspector. Please check with the tech staff to determine your proper lane
- **ALL DECISIONS** made by the Tech inspectors are final.
- **BURNOUTS**—are allowed in the burnout area only. Not on the return road or the road course. No burnouts across the starting line except by 2 wheel braking vehicles. **NO BACKING UP.** The distance from the burnout box to the starting line is longer than NHRA'S minimum so there is no need to back up. **NO TREADED TIRES THROUGH THE BURNOUT BOX OR IN THE GROOVE DURING NON-STREET CAR ONLY EVENTS.**
- **STAGING**—Deep staging is permitted in ET classes. **DEEP** must be written on the front, and both side windows of those cars choosing to deep stage during competition. No backing out of the staging beam after both vehicles are fully staged. Backing out after both cars are fully staged will result in a foul start. The starter will allow a **REASONABLE** amount of time for both cars to stage. PMP runs the **AUTO-START** system at all Summit ET Points races.
- **DIAL-INS**— Check the scoreboards and the dial-in indicators in front of the burnout box to make sure your dial-in is correct. Competitors using cross talk are responsible for making sure their opponents dial in is correct also. You will have a few seconds to get your opponents dial-in at the pre burnout line. Fully staging means you agree the dial-ins are correct. Dial-ins must be legible on the front windshield and both side windows of your race vehicle and tow vehicle. Motorcycles should use a number plate. If we can't read your dial-in we can't enter it. Dial-ins may be changed each round and must be made prior to crossing the front of the staging lanes. Dial-ins may change on a re-run. Changes may be made in dial-ins if we shut down for more than 5 minutes due to track downtime. Inability to read your

competitors dial-in is not a reason for non-staging. PMP staff is not responsible to give you your competitors dial-in

- **LANE CHOICE**—Is determined by the stager when racers can't agree. The stager will pull cars from the adjacent lanes to make random pairs when needed. If your opponent pulls into your assigned lane, STOP and notify a track official. IF YOU STAGE you accept the race in the current configuration and there will not be a re-run.
- **BYE RUNS**—Are selected by random drawing before the first round and by best reaction time for each round thereafter in all non-ladder classes.
- **PAIRINGS**—Are selected by the stager for the first and second round and by ladder from there on out. Do not assume your pairing will be the car next to you in the staging lanes. The stager will make random pairs.
- **NO STARTS**—30 seconds will be allowed to restart a vehicle in the staging lanes, burnout box, or on the starting line. Stagers or started decisions concerning no starts are final.
- **VEHICLE BREAKAGE**—You may substitute another vehicle to race if breakage occurs before the start of the first round. You must dial within you classes ET limits for points to be earned.
- **ALCOHOL & NITROUS OXIDE**—Permitted. Please note the use of either on your tech card. You must place an "A" or "N" in 4 inch high letters in rear and both sides of you vehicle.
- **EXCESSIVE BRAKING**—Visible tire smoke, erratic handling immediately prior to or in the trap area may be cause for disqualification at the discretion of race officials. Only one warning will be given.
- **COOL DOWN TIME**—A minimum of 15 minutes will be given between runnings of a particular class for cooling your race vehicle. If you are entered in 2 different classes with the same vehicle you may not be given this amount of cool down time in each class. You must be prepared to run you vehicle when called to the staging lanes.
- **ELECTRONICS**—Delay boxes and throttle stops are permitted in SUPER PRO only.

- **PASSENGERS** – Only allowed in vehicles running 14.00 seconds or slower. The passenger must have the same safety equipment as the driver. Passenger must sign the driver's waiver and have a wristband. **NO PASSENGERS UNDER THE AGE OF 16 OR DURING ELIMINATIONS.**
- **CREW** – Working crew members only allowed in the staging lanes. Once a vehicle is staged, crewmembers must be BEHIND the yellow lines.

Points

Points are awarded per page # 242 of the 2008 NHRA Rulebook. Point are not transferable from one class to another. Teams may use no more than 2 drivers however; teams must register each driver separately. No show up points are awarded. PMP will be awarding points for all Summit ET Points races.

Race of Champions

The race of champions will be run near the end of the season. All Summit ET Points Race winners from Super Pro, Pro ET, Sportsman, King Street and High School may participate.

Staging Lane Assignments

ET Races

- 1 & 2 Time Only
- 3 & 4
- 5 & 6 Sportsman (12.00 –19.99)
- 7 & 8 Pro ET (9.00—13.99 seconds)
- 9 & 10
- 11 & 12 Super Pro (7.00–12.00 seconds)
- 13 Motorcycles, Snowmobiles & Licensing

Friday Nights

- 1 & 2 Closed
- 3 & 4 High School
- 5 & 6 Trophy with Street Tires
- 7 & 8 Trophy with Slicks
- 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 Time Only
- 13 Licensing Runs & Specialty Vehicles

Junior Dragsters & Test and Tune

- 1 & 2 JD1—8— & 9—years—old
- 3 & 4 JD2—10—, 11— & 12—years—old
- 5 & 6 JD3—13— to 18—years—old
- 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 Test & Tune
- 13 Licensing Runs & Specialty Vehicles

Class Designations

- **Super Pro**—All vehicles running 7.00 to 12.70 seconds E.T. Electronics permitted, Crosstalk tree used. Trophies to the winner and runner—up with monetary payout.
- **Pro—ET**—All vehicles running 9.00 to 13.65 seconds E.T. **No delay boxes or throttle stops allowed.** All trans—brake/Line Loc switches/buttons must be NRHA accepted. Trophies to the winner and runner—up with monetary payout.
- **Sportsman**—All vehicles running 12.50 and slower. **No electronics, trans-brakes, or 2-steps allowed.** Trophies to winner and runner—up with monetary payout.
- **King Street**—Open to all street legal cars and trucks running 9.00 to 13.50 to qualify. .500 full tree, dial you own eliminations, breakout rules apply. **No electronics.** Trans brakes allowed. All vehicles must have street legal mufflers (no inserts allowed), current license plates, registration, hood, and operating exterior lights. All vehicles must be painted and free of decals or lettering on the body. Ladder 1st round based on best reaction time during qualifying. Trophies for winner and runner-up with monetary payout.