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Founded in 1992, the JDRL has approximately 4,000 drivers.

The NHRA Jr. Drag Racing League (JDRL) competes on an eighth-mile distance.

Jr. Dragsters are half-scale dragsters powered by five-horsepower engines that can produce speeds up to 85 mph.

The average age of a Jr. drag racer is 12.

Anyone can join the JDRL, but kids must be ages 8 through 17 to compete as drivers.

Drivers ages 8 to 9 may run as quick as 12.90 seconds (about 45 mph) on the eighth-mile. Drivers 13 to 17 may run as quick as 7.90 seconds.

The states with the most competitors are California, Texas, and Florida.

A basic Jr. Dragster costs about \$5,000. The helmet, clothing, and other equipment are additional.

About 35 percent of JDRL members are female.

The JDRL is one of two NHRA youth programs. Youth & Education Services is the other.

It costs \$19 per year to join the JDRL (\$29 for drivers), which includes a year's subscription to *Jr. DRAGSTER* (six issues).

Competitors at the JDRL Eastern and Western Conference Finals are divided into eight age categories (8-9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16-17).

The highlight of the JDRL racing season is the NHRA Jr. Drag Racing League Eastern and Western Conference Finals; \$100,000 in savings bonds will be given away at each.

About 130 tracks in North America have JDRL programs.

Frequently Asked Questions about the



Q: What is the National Hot Rod Association?

A: The National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) was formed in 1951 by car enthusiast Wally Parks with the purpose of giving hot rodders a safe place to race. Today NHRA is the world's largest motorsports sanctioning body, with approximately 80,000 members and 140 member tracks across the United States and Canada.

Q: What is a Jr. drag race?

A: A drag race is an acceleration contest between two vehicles over a measured distance, usually a quarter-mile (1,320 feet). Jr. Dragsters compete over a distance of no more than an eighth-mile (660 feet).

Q: Who can race a Jr. Dragster?

A: Anyone from the ages of 8 through 17 years old may compete as a driver, but you must become a Participant member of the NHRA Jr. Drag Racing League and get permission from your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) before you can race.

Q: How old do I have to be to join the NHRA Jr. Drag Racing League?

A: Jr. Drag Racing League membership is open to anyone, but you must be at least 8 years old to drive a Jr. Dragster.

Q: How do I sign up?

A: To sign you up, your parent(s) must fill out an application and, if you want to drive, also fill out the parental consent forms. If you don't have the application or forms, have a parent call NHRA at 626.250.2448 or go to jrdragster.nhra.com to request them.

Q: How much does Jr. drag racing cost?

A: A basic Jr. Dragster costs about \$5,000. Additional costs include but are not limited to: helmet and other required safety equipment, maintenance, fuel, entry fees, and optional equipment. NHRA does not provide Jr. Dragsters or equipment. Entry fees vary per event.

Q: Where can I race?

A: You can race at most of NHRA's 140 Member tracks across the United States and Canada. For a complete listing of NHRA Member Tracks that offer Jr. drag racing, go to jrdragster.nhra.com.

Q: How much does it cost to join the NHRA Jr. Drag Racing League?

A: Non-driving membership costs just \$19 for an entire year. Participants (drivers) pay \$29 per year. Prices slightly higher outside U.S.

Q: What do I get when I sign up?

A: With your membership you'll receive a one-year subscription to *Jr. DRAGSTER*, the official publication of the Jr. Drag Racing League, plus a membership card, an online Rulebook, and a membership kit filled with cool League stuff. (Contents of kit may vary.)

Q: Where do I find the parts and equipment I will need to race?

A: *Jr. DRAGSTER*, the official League publication, is a great resource for Jr. drag racing parts and supplies.