



## **General Safety Statement**

Safety first. As a proud IHRA track member, Darlington Dragway follows all IHRA safety rules. Before anyone can take to the dragstrip, all vehicles must go to our tech facility to be inspected and pass. This is solely for your safety, your fellow racers, track staff and spectators. Our tech inspection facility is located pit side of the race track, just past the **Darlington Cafe**. Look for the orange flag in the sky. Our tech facility also offers helmet rentals & VP Racing fuel including 110, 112 & 116.

## **Darlington Dragway Rules**

Please be advised that the wearing of shorts while driving down the track is not allowed. IHRA states that all drivers must wear pants that covers their legs regardless of ET. Any motorcycle quicker than 10.99 or 120 mph, driver must have a full leather suit or leather pants in addition to leather jacket, leather gloves helmet with eye protection and boots or shoes that cover the ankles. No sneakers/tennis shoes. Helmets are mandatory.

Any condition considered to be unsafe by Darlington Dragway track officials will be adequate grounds for barring or withdrawing a vehicle from participation in any event, until the fault has been remedied to the satisfaction of track officials. The decision of track officials will be considered final in all inspection or elimination protests or procedures. Tech Staff reserves the right to disqualify any car not meeting the rules or the spirit of the rules. Darlington Dragway staff also reserves the right to make amendments to the rules at later dates.

All racers are required to comply with ALL CURRENT IHRA rules including chassis certification and licenses. Complete IHRA rules are always available at [www.ihra.com](http://www.ihra.com) or you can contact our Tech Information Director at Darlington Dragway via email at [tech@darlingtondragway.com](mailto:tech@darlingtondragway.com).

Drivers and Crew members at an event shall conduct themselves according to the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship, particularly in relation to other competitors and track officials, and in a manner that will not harm the reputation of the IHRA, Darlington Dragway or the sport of Drag Racing. Failure to do so may result in penalties ranging from disqualification from the event to being banned from Darlington Dragway at the discretion of the Conduct Advisory Board.

**In addition to other offenses or violations of specific rules, each of the following shall be deemed a breach of the rules:**

-Reckless or dangerous driving, either on the course or in the pits.

- Failure to obey any direction or order of an official.
- Refusing to cooperate with, interfering with, or obstructing the actions of any Track Official in the performance of their duties.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Physical violence or verbal abuse towards any other participant, official or spectator at an event.
- Bribery or attempts to bribe anyone connected with the event, and the solicitation of, acceptance of, or offer to accept a bribe.
- Coolers may be inspected by gate personnel. NO GLASS BOTTLES.
- When are lights are on, your lights must be on. In any race after dark, each race vehicle must have at least one working taillight. Racers will get one warning for not having tail lights on. A second infraction of this rule may result in disqualification.
- After you make a pass, no left u-turns or backing up on the track. There are 2 return roads on the right side of the dragstrip.
- Drivers cannot change vehicles after eliminations start.
- At no time is a passenger allowed to be in a car making a pass.
- All drivers must have a valid driver's license; the only exceptions to this rule are in the JR Dragster. All drivers must be licensed to their respective E.T.'s.
- No tech cards will be sold after the first round of eliminations has been completed.
- No one under the age of 14 is allowed in the restricted areas, this includes the area from the water box to the starting line.
- Anyone who locks up the brakes/smokes tires through the traps will be disqualified.
- No one under the age of 16 or anyone without a valid driver's license is allowed to ride an ATV, golf cart, mini bike, scooter or bicycle in the pits. Pit vehicles must be marked with the same race number as the race car it is with. They are to be used only for tow vehicles or business related to racing. Improper use of these vehicles by driver, crew, family, or anyone else, may result in disqualification or expulsion from the facility and forfeiture of entry fees.
- The speed limit in the pit area and the return road is 15 mph.
- Helmets required regardless of E.T. or speed. Helmets are available for rent in the tower for \$5 / day.

-Disqualifications are made on a first or worst basis as per the IHRA rulebook. EXAMPLE: Crossing the centerline is considered worse than a red light. Since we cannot possibly cover all situations that may arise during eliminations, it is the race director's responsibility to make a judgment call on disputed calls. If it becomes necessary to settle a dispute, the race director will speak with the drivers involved ONLY, not the crews, wives, husbands, etc.

-Any driver observed by track officials to be consuming any amount of alcohol while still in competition, will be disqualified from the event. No alcohol permitted in the staging lanes or on the starting line. Absolutely NO glass bottles or containers allowed at the facility.

-Pet owners are asked not to bring your pets to the track. If they absolutely must travel with you, they must be kept on a leash at all times. Pet owners will be asked not to bring the pet back if problems with the animal occur.

-Open toed shoes are not allowed while racing.

-If a racer who is participating in an event suspects another competitor of cheating, the protestor must request the Tech Director do an inspection. Along with the request, an amount of \$100 must be put up (given to the Tech Director) for the protest. The Tech Director has the final say, and outcome of the inspection is left up to the director's discretion. If the accused is found to be cheating, the money will be returned to the protestor and the accused will be disqualified. They may also be expelled from the points program and lose all their points for the season. If the accused is not found to be cheating, they will be awarded the money and the protestor may be disqualified if the protest is deemed fraudulent at the discretion of the Tech Director. Protests can be made at any time. The inspection will be made after the completion of the next round. If a vehicle fails inspection, it will not be allowed to participate.

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