

2014 proposed changes

Posted by estapete - 23 Feb 2014 17:49

Proposed changes for 2014 season.

1. For the first round of Jr. Dragster eliminations we will use a draw system at registration to keep the 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 year olds away from the 13, 14,15,16,17 and 18 year olds. We will qualify in the first round and the kids will all race together on a ladder starting in the second round.

2. Bye runs. Right now bye runs go to the best reaction time during time trials, you can also get the bye with the best r.t. in the first round as well as the best r.t. in the second round. With the change the next bye run you receive will be when we put the vehicles on a ladder, eliminating the chance of three straight bye runs.

3. Change Super Pro from 7.00-11.99 to 6.50 – 11.99

4. Change the Pro time breaks from 9.00-17.99 to 8.00-17.99.

5. Change Street time breaks from 11.50-19.99 to 11.00-19.99.

We have no drivers meeting scheduled for this year. Feel free to comment here or email us. If the D.R.A.G. group holds a meeting in April we can discuss topics there as well.

Pete

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Re: 2014 proposed changes

Posted by td1332 - 11 Mar 2014 09:44

what would also have to be considered and I cant answer this but if the ET max is dropped from 17.?? to whatever how many cars fall into that bracket and how many cars will the class actually lose and in that case the payout drop in the class

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Re: 2014 proposed changes

Posted by DozerDeSiato - 11 Mar 2014 11:58

I'm so glad somebody brought up that point! How about the people who break their vehicles during time trials and are in the points chase and bring out their truck to race just to stay in the points chase? Those people would lose theeor chance when that happens! Also the people like myself who have run Ets as slow as 15s in the past. The point is to increase car count not limit who can participate.

Re: 2014 proposed changes

Posted by zeesbluz - 11 Mar 2014 12:04

That's why I think street money should also be opened up a bit , let more play , make the track more money , esp since there is a starter street class If pro and super are going to be opened up ... Street \$ be should too .

Re: 2014 proposed changes

Posted by Halzman - 11 Mar 2014 12:46

Why? Why? Why? I know its my sophmore season but from what I viewed and participated in last year seemed pretty damn competitive. DONT CHANGE WHAT IS WORKING. Most classes went right down to the last week. Lets face it all your doing is taking the same cars and throwing them into another class. You want bigger classes you have to stratigize a promotion plan for races to attract other cars to race at our track. I know what most are thinking." I dont have time" "I work 50 hrs a week" "whats in it for me"? etc..

I am a promoter/ biz owner. One tool I use to promote is social media. ITS FREE!! Takes seconds on your smart phone to simply promote a event to hundreds perhaps thousnds if its shared. What I would do is upgrade this site a bit. Get a kick azz facebook page going and start getting likes. Shit us drivers could upload pics ans video weekly for you to make it look like its the best thing going. YOU HAVE TO START!! Enough of searching for new rules or index. NHRA has already done that for you. ESTA needs more of us to give a little time PR work while at other tracks or social media. Heck we have one of the best MC's in the Biz in our tower. LETS NOT LOSE HIM to some other track. He is obviously a sparkplug for the track. I grew up with this track and will give a little time a sponsorship. Lets face it we are not here for a pay/ck but for the adrenil.

So now I think its time to shut up since I am still relativley new. My view from here.

halzman

Re: 2014 proposed changes

Posted by tracman466 - 11 Mar 2014 12:57

Well Said Mike and Jessica!

Re: 2014 proposed changes

Posted by red barn - 11 Mar 2014 14:30

td1332 wrote:

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That is a great point. My concern about the 17.99 is entirely based on safety and in no way meant to keep anyone from racing or change the spirit of the class. I don't have any issues with lowering the quick side in any of the classes. What I would hate to see is a 17.99 car traveling at 75mph(no helmet, no fire gear, etc) get together with an 8.50 car traveling at 150 mph(certified cage, fire suit, harnesses, neck collar, drive shaft loops, transmission sheilds, etc) at the top end. I will admit that I am an overly cautious person (and afraid of fire), but it just doesn't seem safe to me to have that big of an ET spread racing each other.

I guess I never realized that there was that big of a spread in previous years (9.00 to 17.99). Just an eye opener for me. I will stop beating a dead horse and just work on getting my car ready

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Re: 2014 proposed changes

Posted by tracman466 - 11 Mar 2014 17:15

How about a 19.99 second car racing a 10.50 or 10 second car in street. sixty mph versus 130 mph on street tires.

(I agree with you too. But also agree with Jessica's pov.)

Everything should have been left alone...not changed to please a few

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Re: 2014 proposed changes

Posted by The Grassmaster - 11 Mar 2014 17:32

Dick,

Any 10 second car that's on a street tire will be a Hoosier Quick Time Pro, ET Street or Equivalent Drag

radial type tire (as good as a slick). This should not be confused with a typical passenger car street tire.

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Re: 2014 proposed changes

Posted by zeesbluz - 11 Mar 2014 17:35

Also for those that don't wish to run against cars that fast could run street trophy ...

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Re: 2014 proposed changes

Posted by harleylarry - 11 Mar 2014 19:12

I can't understand that when something is running well it has to be changed. We just need to keep things the way they were in the classes!

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Re: 2014 proposed changes

Posted by T-Wrecks - 11 Mar 2014 20:40

Things change because of complaints. If nobody complained then deficits would not be know.

I think we need a drivers meeting! Let all those going down the track have a vested interest in this decision.

when I used to race at Greer, in SC they had and still have Pro, Footbrake(no electronics and transbrakes) No ET cut in any class on either end for low or high ET caps. They also run a Jr. program.

There is no Street Money, no Street Trophy, No Bike or sled classes, no Mod. No redundant classes. Your car will fit into either or both classes. Alot of their FB class cars will rum Pro.

Enough complain of the long days now and you are looking for ways to make it worse.

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Re: 2014 proposed changes

Posted by estapete - 11 Mar 2014 21:56

A lot of good points have been made here and we could have a good discussion at a D.R.A.G. meeting. When you look at the changes we really have not changed much at all. Super down to 6.50 and Pro down to 8.50 may bring in a few more cars or maybe not but the classes will still be similar to what they have been. Street is the same for this year and discussions can take place during the season to make any adjustments for next year. Mike and I were talking about the facebook thing the other day and we'll get that going soon. Again, thanks for all the input and if someone wants to express an opinion and does not want to do it here you can email me at pdesalvo1@verizon.net .

Thanks,

Pete

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