

Electric Cars & Street Legal Racing

Lots of new changes happening in 2022. First, we are introducing the first Electric Vehicle Class as a points series. Electric Vehicle will be contested during select Wide Open Wednesday and Sunday E.T. Bracket weekends.

Dates include:

April 3 (Sunday)

April 20 (Wednesday)

April 24 (Sunday)

May 18 (Wednesday)

June 19 (Sunday)

June 29 (Wednesday)

July 10 (Sunday)

July 27 (Wednesday)

August 7 (Sunday)

August 28 (Sunday)

Electric Car Fees: Point's Membership \$75 (Includes car & driver entry to ALL Electric Vehicle race events)

Winner: Trophy, Runner-up Plaque

Electric Car Fees: Single Race Tech Card \$40 (only necessary if NOT in points)

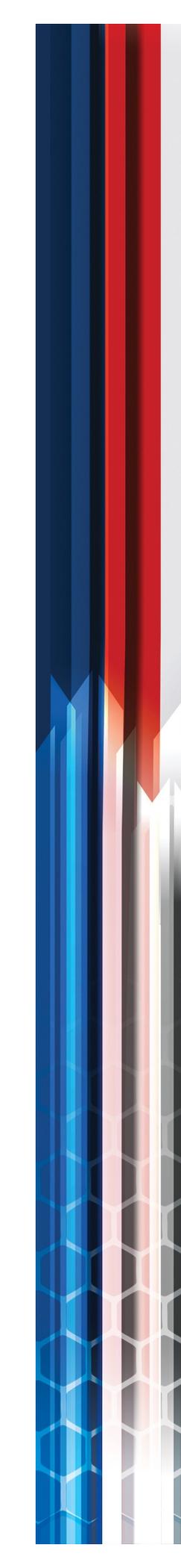
See WOW and ET Bracket Weekend links for gate and track times.

Secondly, NHRA has made significant enhancements to the Street Legal Program which we believe will benefit our local racers.



Changes to the Street Legal program will allow racers with 2014 and newer OEM model-year production cars to run as quick as 9.00-seconds and/or 150-mph (5.40-eighth mile). In addition, racers with 2008-2013 OEM model-year cars will still be permitted to run as quickly as 10.00-seconds and/or 135-mph (6.40-eighth mile).

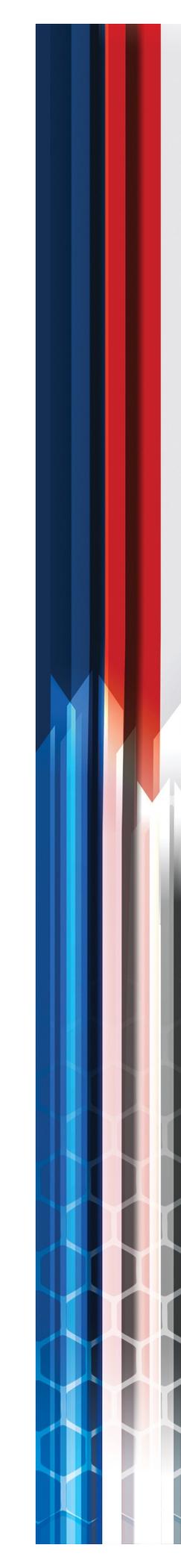
Unaltered OEM installed antilock brakes, OEM airbag functions, OEM stock frame\unibody construction, including OEM floors and firewall, as well as all other OEM safety-related systems must be functioning as per manufacturer's specifications. Tires used may be other than OEM, but they must be DOT-approved. Convertibles quicker than 13.49 (8.25) and T-tops quicker than 11.49 (7.35) must meet Summit Racing Series roll-bar and roll-cage requirements. An NHRA Level 6 license is required for drivers running quicker than 10.00 (*6.39) or faster than 135 mph. A NHRA level 7 competition license is also available to racers whose elapse times are above 10.00/6.40.



Racers who break into the 9's in a quarter-mile or 5's in an eighth mile at an NHRA Member Track and submit to NHRA a license application will receive an exclusive decal, only available with the Street Legal NHRA competition license, to recognize their achievement.

“Each year, automotive manufacturers continue to push the limits of performance by building production vehicles that are quicker and faster than the previous year's models,” said Lonnie Grim, NHRA National Tech Director. “At NHRA, we very much support their commitment to performance and recognize that there is still a very large market for performance cars. At the same time, we acknowledge that NHRA needs to keep pace with the current trends, which is why we've announced these rules adjustments.”

“Under these new guidelines, owners of Shelby GT 500, Corvette ZR-1, Dodge Demon, Tesla Plaid, or other high-performance vehicles will have the ability to participate in and enjoy NHRA Street Legal racing events without making extensive modifications to their cars.”



The Street Legal category is reserved for foreign and domestic OEM production-type automobiles and trucks. While the use of aftermarket parts is accepted, all vehicles must be street driven, and drivers must carry state-issued proof of registration and valid insurance information. All vehicles must also display a valid license plate(s).

“I want to stress that these limitations are not restricted when it comes to the use of aftermarket bolt-on products and other modifications,” said Grim. “This simply states that vehicles racing under the Street Legal guidelines do have to meet the OEM safety system requirements as noted.”

Vehicles participating in the Street Legal events must be able to pass all state highway safety requirements for the state in which the vehicle is registered and retains all OEM safety features. Only legitimate street-legal machines are permitted to participate at designated Street Legal events. Although the competition structure can vary from track to track, a strong emphasis is placed on fun and providing a welcoming environment for first-time new racers.



Many Street Legal events feature open time trials and grudge racing only, which typically allows each participant an opportunity to make as many passes down the dragstrip as possible.

The grudge racing element allows participants to choose their competition instead of participating in an organized eliminator. Win or lose, a grudge racing participant may return to the staging lanes for more time trials or more grudge runs. Losing a race at a Street Legal event does not typically mean it's time to go home. Street Legal events provide a legal and controlled environment where racers of all skill levels enjoy the sport of NHRA Drag Racing.

Finally, the top 2 racers in points will get an opportunity to compete at the North Central Div 3 E.T. Bracket finals team in September. More information will be posted in the future.

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