



NHRA Hot Rod Heritage Racing Series Policies (effective 1/1/25)

### **Oil Down Policy – All Classes**

If a contestant's first oildown at an event occurs during eliminations on a winning run, the E.T. will be void for lane choice or sequence consideration for the following round. If a second oildown occurs at the same event the run shall be void for qualifying purposes. If during eliminations on a winning run, E.T. will be void for lane choice or sequence consideration for following round. If a third oildown at same event, competitor shall be disqualified from the event. This will apply up to and including the final round of eliminations. Should any team experience chronic problems, NHRA will review the issues and further action may be taken.

### **Multiple Entries**

A contestant may not drive for than one vehicle in the same category at any event. One vehicle may not be used for more than one entry in the same category. Drivers in Hot Rod Eliminator may drive the same car in a second category in either B, C or D/Gas only. Hot Rod Eliminator contestants may also enter a separate track class (non-Heritage class) running during the event at tracks discretion.

### **Tow Vehicles**

Permitted in all categories with exception to D/Gas and Hot Rod Eliminator. If running Hot Rod as second category those with B or C/Gas cars may tow when running in Hot Rod Eliminator.

### **Burnouts**

Contestants in C/Gas, D/Gas and Hot Rod Eliminator are not allowed to cross the start line on burnout.

### **Staging**

To be a legitimate race winner, a contestant's vehicle must start and stage under its own power. Push starting or pushing a vehicle into stage beam strictly prohibited.

### **Deep Staging**

The practice referred to as deep staging is prohibited in all Group 2 classes except for Hot Rod Eliminator. Allowed in all other categories. In a dual deep stage situation, both cars will be disqualified unless occurring in the final round of competition at which point the race shall be re-run to determine an event winner.

### **Auto Start**

The auto start function shall be utilized for all classes. At track discretion, non-point earning classes may utilize a manual start function to activate the tree. Additionally, the CrossTalk feature will not be active for any classes.

### **Qualifying**

To constitute a legitimate qualifying attempt, all contestants must properly start, stage and receive the start signal to be placed on an eliminator ladder. Should a vehicle break after receiving the start signal, a time of 28.00 seconds shall be issued for qualifying time. When you reach the ready line, must be prepared and ready to fire in order. Under no circumstances may a contestant pull out of line beyond

that point unless instructed by an official. If a contestant is shut off by an official after firing for their run, they may be allowed to go to back of line for their category if warranted.

### **Alternates**

Once qualifying has concluded and elimination ladder has been established, pairings will not be changed. Should a qualified vehicle be unable to make eliminations, an alternate may be inserted in their place. Under normal circumstances, the first round points and any monetary award will remain with the qualified contestant. Alternates are not eligible for any round points regardless of any advancement in eliminations. Any cash award paid to alternate advancing will be less the amount paid to original qualified contestant.

In an effort to reward quicker of the qualified contestants, the insertion of any alternate is as follows: First alternate will be inserted to race the slowest of the opponents made available by an original qualifiers failure to appear in round one. Second alternate would face the next slowest, etc.

### **Field Size**

In situations where a field is not full (NTF and NFC), a specific ladder will be used for the number of vehicles making a legitimate qualifying attempt. Group 1 and 2 categories will feature all-run fields and shall be ladder for eliminations unless weather or other issues may warrant random pairing for round one. Hot Rod Eliminator shall be random paired in eliminations until the field reaches round of 16 (eighth finals) at which time they shall be ladder based on reaction time from the prior round.

### **Pairings / Ladders**

Category pairings are based upon established NHRA ladders and position set by qualifying time. "Professional" ladder system shall be used for NTF, NFC, and Group 1 categories (1 v 16, 2 v 15, etc.). "Sportsman" ladder system shall be used for all Group 2 categories (1 v 9, 2 v 10, etc.).

### **Lane Choice**

Performance categories (NTF, NFC, A/Fuel, Jr/Fuel): Lane choice for first round will go to the quicker qualified contestant of each pairing. Any subsequent round lane choice shall go to the contestant with the quickest E.T. in the previous round of eliminations. In the situation of both contestants recording identical E.T.'s the driver with the faster MPH from the previous round would earn lane choice.

Index categories (7.0 and Group 2): Lane choice for first round pairings shall to the better qualified contestant of each pairing. Subsequent round lane choice shall be determined by coin toss.

Hot Rod Eliminator: Lane choice shall be determined by staging personnel or coin toss. Once placed on ladder lane choice shall be determined by coin toss.

### **Break Rule**

The use of the break rule for reinstating losing contestants back into an eliminator file will not be in effect for any classes. Only a legitimate round winning contestants may advance.

### **POINTS – GENERAL INFO**

All points are awarded to the driver and cannot be transferred under any circumstances. Points are not transferable from one category to another. If an event is postponed for any reason prior to the start of eliminations for that category, it is necessary that any car and driver still eligible for event competition attend the rescheduled date to be eligible for any points and cash awards based on eliminator racing. Points and awards are based on a round-loss basis, not simply on qualifying. If an event is disrupted and rescheduled due to weather or other conditions after eliminations of that category are in progress, contestants unable to return will be awarded points up to the round completed before postponement. Non-qualifiers in NTF, NFC and Group 1 contestants shall receive 10 points regardless of whether an event is postponed and rescheduled. Withdrawal policy does not apply. Points may be withheld from any contestant who fails to display the appropriate series decal. Any contestant disqualified for mechanical non-compliance loses all points for that event.

## How Points are Earned

**\*\* Must have current NHRA License/Membership to earn points toward series championship. \*\***

Nostalgia Funny Car, Groups 1 and 2 will count their best 5 of 6 events

Nostalgia Top Fuel will count all five events.

NTF, NFC, and Group 1 shall use the following points formula:

Actual Field Size:	1st Rd. loss:	2nd Rd. loss:	3rd Rd. loss:	4th Rd. loss:	5th Rd. loss:	R/U	Win
4 or less	40					80	100
5 to 8	40	60				80	100
9 to 16	20	40	60			80	100
17 to 32	20	40	60	80		100	120
33 to 64	20	40	60	80	100	120	140

10 points shall be issued to all contestants - 1 qualifying attempt required

Qualifying points shall be earned as follows:

32-car field		16-car field		8-car field	
1st	8	1st	8	1st	8
2nd	7	2nd	7	2nd	7
3rd	6	3rd	6	3rd	6
4th	5	4th	5	4th	5
5th & 6th	4	5th & 6th	4	5th & 6th	4
7th & 8th	3	7th & 8th	3	7th & 8th	3
9th through 12th	2	9th through 12th	2		
13th through 16th	1	13th through 16th	1		

Group 2 shall use the following points formula:

Actual Field Size:	1st Rd. loser:	2nd Rd. loser:	3rd Rd. loser:	4th Rd. loser:	5th Rd. loser:	6th Rd. loser:	7th Rd. loser:	R/U	Win
4 or less	33							64	85
5 to 8	32	43						64	85
9 to 16	31	42	53					64	85
17 to 32	30	41	52	63				74	95
33 to 64	30	40	51	62	73			84	105
65 to 128	30	40	50	61	72	83		94	105
129 and over	30	40	50	60	71	82	93	104	115

Points will not be awarded for qualifying positions in the Group 2 categories.

Competitors entering but not making a run (or no show R1 of Hot Rod) shall receive 10 points provided they pass technical inspection.