

# 2008 NHRA Summit Racing Equipment Finals

Northwest Division ET Finals

August 28-29-30-31, 2008

Firebird Raceway – Boise, Idaho – Firebird elevation: 2,700'

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## Competitor Information

### Entry fees: ALL U.S. FUNDS

Test and Tune (Thursday)	\$40
Car & Driver (Weekend)	\$85
Car & Driver – High School	\$30
Car & Driver – Jr. Dragster	\$30
Crew (Full Event)	\$30
Crew (Sat-Sun only)	\$25
Children 6-12	\$5 (5 & under free)
Package Attack (Friday)	\$25 (Pay at NHRA Trailer)
Package Attack (Saturday)	\$25 (Pay at NHRA Trailer)
Camping (Event)	Free with entry

### Event Schedule

#### Wednesday, August 27

Parking 1 – 7 PM

#### Thursday, August 28

Gates open 8 AM  
Tech open 9 AM  
Test and Tune 12 PM – 5 PM  
Team Captain Meeting 5:30 PM

#### Friday, August 29

Gates open 8 AM  
Tech open 8 AM  
Time Trials 9 AM  
Team Captain Meeting 30 minutes after conclusion of racing

#### Saturday, August 30

Gates open 8 AM  
Tech open 8 AM  
Time Trials 9 AM  
Race of Champions 1 PM

#### Sunday, August 31

Gates open 8 AM  
Eliminations 9 AM

**Racers may leave trailers overnight on Sunday. Race will continue to Monday if necessary. If the Race of Champions is rained out, it will be run following the completion of Sunday's event. The only exception is that Jr. Dragster and High School will run on Sunday. In that case, High School racers may only run one car in one class on Sunday, and must use an additional vehicle if they want to run High School and Pro or Sportsman.**

## Team Structure

- Each participating track is allowed to bring 48 entries, regardless of class, in addition to 2 High School, 2 Sport Compact and 4 Jr. Dragster competitors.
- All team members must have competed in a minimum of three events at the track they will be representing at this event.
- Racers in the Race of Champions must have competed in at least 50% of the events at the track they will be representing at this event.

## Team Designators

A – Lost Creek	G – North Central	P – Portland	Z - Bonanza
B – Bremerton	H – Medicine Hat	Q – Lakeview	T – Rocky Mountain
C – Coos Bay	J - Champion	R – Renegade	
D – Madras	K – Saskatchewan	S – Pacific	
E – Eagle	L – Lewistown	W – Woodburn	
F – Firebird	M – Mission	Y - Yellowstone	

## Event Categories (altitude corrected)

Super Pro	7.00 – 12.29, electronics allowed
Pro	7.50 – 14.29, no electronics
Sportsman	12.80 – slower, no electronics
Bike/Sled	7.50 – 15.29, no electronics
Sport Compact	7.50 – slower, no electronics
High School	11.00 – slower, no electronics
Jr. Lightning	Ages 13 and Older
Jr. Thunder	Ages 8 to 12

## Run order for Time Trials

Friday - Sportsman, Sport Compact, Pro, Bike/Sled, Super Pro (High School to run with class they will run on Sunday)

Saturday – Jr. Thunder, Jr. Lightning, Sportsman, Sport Compact, High School, Pro, Bike/Sled, Super Pro

We will make our best effort to give every racer two time trials on Friday and one on Saturday. If the need arises, we will have a special session Saturday morning for the Race of Champions participants, and then fill in between ROC rounds with the remainder of competitors.

## Pairings and Lane Assignments

- All classes will be called to the lanes in sessions. Each team will be assigned specific lanes and sessions throughout the event. From those assignments, a random draw will be made to pair the lanes for each elimination round.
- The driver in each class with the best reaction time during the first time run on Saturday will earn the potential by for first round on Sunday. During subsequent rounds, the best winning reaction time will have earned the potential bye for the following round. For the Race of Champions, the first round bye will be based on a random draw, with the best reaction time earning the bye in following rounds.
- Lane choice will be done by a coin toss at the head of the lanes.

## Team Captains

Each team is allowed up to four (4) team captains. Team captains will handle any and all problems or discrepancies that one of their competitors may encounter. Only one team captain will be allowed in the tower at any one time. Any disputes must be brought to the event director by a team captain. Division Director will rule on an issues and have final say on such.

## Summit Series Decals

Each competitor will be required to run the series decal for the duration of eliminations. Those not having the decal will not earn points for team or be eligible for any prizes or awards.

## Contingency Decals

The NHRA Trailer will have a very limited supply of these. All racers are encouraged to have and/or get decals from the manufacturer prior to the event. Decals must be on vehicle for duration of eliminations. The contingency verification will take place after the race, but will be checked against photos from earlier rounds to see that decals were in place.

## ET Finals Rules and Regulations

- All classes, with the exception of Bike/Sled, will be run on a five-tenth full tree with optional staging.
- Deep staging will be allowed, but it may not be written on the vehicle, nor will the starter make any changes to the starting procedure for those deep staging. Those deep staging assume all risk and must get in first as Autostart will be on for ALL categories.
- Bike/Sled will run on a split tree. Racers wanting a Pro Tree must put a P at the end of their dial (i.e. 9.00P)
- CrossTalk will be used in Super Pro only. Racers not wanting CrossTalk need to place an "N" at the end of their dial-in (i.e. 9.00N).
- No passengers will be allowed in any vehicle during time trials or competition.
- Dial-ins and numbers must be on the front, left side, and rear windows
- Shoe polished numbers are only allowed in Sportsman, Sport Compact and High School.
- Dial-ins must be displayed prior to leaving the head of staging lanes and entering the ready area, and may not be altered beyond that point unless OK'd by the event director.
- Once a driver **pre-stages** their vehicle, they have accepted the posted dial-ins on the scoreboard.
- Excessive braking may be grounds for disqualification. Starter and/or Event Director will have final say on issuing a warning or an expulsion. If a warning is issued, any subsequent infraction will be grounds for immediate disqualification.
- Any racer or crew member found to be under the influence of alcohol or other substances, during racing hours, will be immediately excused from the event and the facility.
- All tech cards must be filled in completely and legibly, being sure to indicate your team name or designator at the TOP of the tech card.
- Team designator must be displayed on the passenger side lower portion of the windshield. They should also be displayed on the right side and back of the vehicle.
- To compete at the Summit E.T. Finals a racer must have competed at a minimum of 3 events at the track they will be representing.
- Racers may only compete for one team at the Finals.
- Penalties will be enforced should one team vandalize another team's pit decorations.

## Pit Vehicles

Track operators are responsible for policing their team's pit vehicles for improper use and no motorized pit vehicles are allowed from 1 hour after racing has concluded until 1 hour prior to racing resuming the following day. All riders must be licensed and a minimum of 16 years of age.

## Pit Areas

Each team will be designated a specific pit area. We ask that all participants curtail any noisy activities at 10:30 PM on any night. Please also be respectful of the facility and use trash cans to dispose of any trash prior to leaving the facility.

## **National Dragster Team Spirit Award**

This prestigious award will be given to the team that displays the best spirit based on these factors: Pit area organization and decorations, overall conduct and sportsmanship in all areas of the facility, team display and support in the grandstands. Award winner will be decided by the NHRA Certification Team.

## **Special Awards**

Will be given to the Best Appearing Vehicle in Super Pro, Pro, Sportsman, Sled/Bike, and Jr. Dragster. Best Engineered and Best Appearing Crew will each be awarded to one racer on Sunday. The award recipients will be decided by the NHRA Certification Team.

## **High School Eliminator**

Open to any student that has attended high school during the 2008 calendar year. A Complimentary NHRA Competition Number will be provided for these participants. High School racers will also be able to enter either Pro or Sportsman on Sunday. No Motorcycles or electronics allowed. If Saturday's race is rained out, High School will be contested on Sunday. If that happens, High School competitors can only run one class with one car, and must race a separate vehicle in Pro or Sportsman.

## **Jr. Dragster**

Time Trials and eliminations will be conducted solely on Saturday at this event. Jr. Dragster drivers are eligible to make runs during the test and tune on Thursday but not on Friday. Each track may send up to four drivers. Racers will be split into Lightning and Thunder classes based on age. A driver who started the season as a 12-year-old but turned 13 during the season can run in Thunder but cannot dial quicker than 8.90. If Saturday is rained out, Jr. Dragster will run on Sunday.

## **Team Championship/Track Manager's Challenge**

Each participating track will be awarded one (1) point per round won in the four contested classes. The team with the highest point total will be crowned the Northwest Division Team Champions. Track Manager's Challenge will award one point per round won on Saturday in all seven classes.

## **Race of Champions**

Each track may send up to four representatives in Super Pro, Pro, Sportsman, and Sled/Bike. The winners of this race will be eligible to attend the NHRA Finals and compete for the Summit Racing Series National Championship.

<b>ROC Purse</b>	<b>Super Pro</b>	<b>Pro</b>	<b>Sportsman</b>	<b>Sled/Bike</b>
Winner	\$4500*	\$4300*	\$3900*	\$3900*
Runner up	500	400	200	200
Semi finals	100	75	50	50

\*includes \$3500 bonus for attending the National Championship event

## **Event Purse (Sunday)**

Winner	\$3000	\$2500	\$1000	\$1000
Runner up	1500	1250	500	500
Semi finals	700	500	150	100
Quarter finals	150	125	85	

## **Package Attack (Friday and Saturday)**

The top four drivers in each of four categories (S/Pro, Pro, Sportsman, Bike/Sled) that post the best total package (RT & ET) during Friday and Saturday time trials will earn money. A \$25 entry fee is required each day and payout will be as follows (less 5%):

Winner	50% of entry fees
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	25%
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	10% each

### **Sport Compact**

Each track can send two racers to compete in Sport Compact. The winner will receive a NHRA Wally and jacket. Purse: Win-\$400, R/U-\$200, Semi (if 17+ entries) \$50.

### **Restricted Area**

The only people allowed in the restricted area are: NHRA employees, track employees, racers in their cars, and crew members who are with the car on the track. No mascots or extra people allowed.

### **Class Changes, Multiple Entries, Multiple Drivers**

If you need to change from one class to another, please notify the tower. During each day, each car can only have one driver, and each car can only compete in one class. A possible exception to this is when a High School racer shares a car with a parent. In that case, the parent or student (not both) can run time trials on Friday, the student would compete in High School on Saturday, and the parent would compete on Sunday. Under no circumstances can a car make multiple runs in a time trial session, regardless of who is driving. Drivers are allowed to compete in multiple classes provided they have a separate car for each class.

### **NHRA Membership Required**

All competitors must be NHRA members in order to participate (except for High School). All competitors must also have a NHRA competition number.

### **Firebird Raceway**

Firebird does offer a full service facility complete with multiple food & beverage outlets, walk-in souvenir stores, modern restrooms and such. We do not offer showers on-site at the raceway, unless you count pit water for more than just a race car shower or cool down.

### **RV Dump Station**

You can leave the Firebird facility and head north (left) down Highway 16 towards Emmett. You'll head down Freezeout Hill and at the bottom of the hill you'll go to the second stop light and on the southwest corner (directly across from Albertsons) is a Public Rest Area and Dump Station. The cost to dump is \$3.

### **Racing Fuel**

Racing Fuel is not for sale at Firebird. If you need fuel, make arrangements in advance with United Oil of Boise, 208-343-5474.

### **Birdland Radio**

Hear the PA on 103.7 FM.

### **Recommended Hotels**

Headquarters: Holiday Inn 208-343-4900 (located at I-84 and Vista Rd., near the Boise Airport)

Best Western Vista Inn 208-287-0579 (across the freeway from Holiday Inn)

Hilton Garden Inn 208-938-9600 (Eagle, off east side Eagle Road)

Hampton Inn - Suites 208-887-3600 (Meridian and I-84)

Be sure and mention to the motel that **they'll be racing at Firebird for best rates.**