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2023 Racer Handbook

Rules & Regulations



**30 Stauffer Park Lane
Mohnton, PA 19540**

TEST N TUNE GENERAL REGULATIONS

BIKES

E.T's Ranging 10.0 or Slower

- Helmet (SNELL Approved 2015 or Newer)
- Gloves
- Leather Jacket
- Boots (Above Ankle)
- Tether Chord/Kill Switch or Tip Over Sensor
- Leather Pants (120mph+)

E.T's Ranging 9.99 or Faster (120 mph+)

- Helmet (SNELL Approved 2015 or Newer)
- Gloves
- Leather Jacket
- Leather Pants
- Boots (Above Ankle)
- Tether Chord/Kill Switch or Tip Over Sensor
- NHRA License or License Application Paperwork

STREET CARS & TRUCKS

E.T's Ranging 14.0 or Slower

- Seat Belts
- Long Pants
- Closed Toed Shoes (NO FLIP FLOPS OR SANDALS)

E.T's Ranging 13.9 to 11.50

- Helmet (SNELL Approved 2015 or Newer)
- Seat Belts
- Long Pants
- Closed Toed Shoes (NO FLIP FLOPS OR SANDALS)

E.T's quicker than 11.49 please see NHRA Rulebook Trucks

- No Mud/Debris
- Nothing in Beds
- Tailgates Secured or Removed

Track Information

Address: 30 Stauffer Park Lane, Mohnton, PA 19540

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General Rules Statement:

- Vehicles participating in drag racing events must be presentable and properly prepared prior to competition. Tech officials may reject vehicles that are improperly prepared at any time during the event.
- Any driver/rider, crew member or person in association with a driver/rider who is considered to be under the influence of any drug, alcohol or any judgment-impairing substance will be expelled from the race and escorted off the premises together with the entire crew and vehicle associated with the offender. ***BRINGING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INTO THE FACILITY OR IN THE STAGING LANES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.***
- Upon entering the facility, racers and crew members agree to abide by all rules — and that all interpretations of rules are left up to the Race Control, who shall have final say in all matters, questions and protests.
- Maple Grove Raceway is a National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) member track and all rules follow the guidelines established by the NHRA and the 2023 NHRA Rulebook. It is recommended that all participants have an updated copy of the rulebook and follow these guidelines established by NHRA. The NHRA Rulebook shall govern all decisions at Maple Grove Raceway.

Welcome to Maple Grove Raceway

All of Maple Grove Raceway's series under the umbrella of the Money Trail Program are governed by the NHRA Rulebook. This handbook is a guide for our competitors; designed to assist racers with regulations and procedures put in place at Maple Grove Raceway and may or may not be included in the NHRA Rulebook. Please read and understand the policies and rules you will be racing under for 2023. Thank you for racing at Maple Grove Raceway.

Maple Grove Raceway Youth Initiative

Maple Grove Raceway encourages children and young adults to participate in the sport of drag racing. Maple Grove Raceway offers several programs and events geared toward young racers, including the NHRA Youth Racing program which includes Junior Street, Junior Dragster competition and Junior Drag Racing League Challenge. Please reference the 2023 Maple Grove Raceway schedule to see dates for respected events.

Section I

RACE PROCEDURES

Racer Gate / Tech Card

Race entry is via, Wally Parks Drive, Gate 4 you will proceed to the toll-booth area where you will pay for your race entry and receive your tech card.

Waiver and Release

All Drivers must sign the waiver and release on the back of the tech card. All crew members must sign the waiver. All waivers, releases and tech cards must be completed in its entirety as well as being legible. Maple Grove Raceway is not responsible for any incorrect information due to incomplete or illegible tech cards.

Track PA System / FM Station

Maple Grove broadcasts the public address system on an FM transmitter. The frequency is 91.3 FM. We recommend that you tune your radio to 91.3 FM as soon as you enter the parking area to stay updated on the day's events.

Pit Area

Find your pit area location. Once you have found a pit area, complete the Vehicle Inspection Form and proceed to the tech inspection area.

Tech Inspection

After the Vehicle Inspection Form has been completely filled out, proceed to the tech inspection area located past the quarter mile finish line. Please come to tech once the tech card is completely filled out. NOTE: Only one (1) participant per tech card. Once a participant has successfully completed the technical/safety inspection and has signed a waiver and release form, they will be issued a session run card, which will be needed to enter the staging lanes and track. *The armbands must be worn in plain sight for the duration of the entire event. These armbands must be on the driver and/or crew member(s) prior to making any runs down the track.*

All competitors and their vehicles must successfully pass a technical and safety inspection. The 2023 Money trail series is all 5 double weekends. The car on needs to be teched once per a double weekend.

Replacement Vehicle

If the competitor's race car breaks during time trials, a replacement vehicle that fits within the category parameters may be used. Replacement vehicles must first pass a technical inspection and the tech card for the event must be updated to reflect the vehicle change. Once eliminations are in progress, replacement vehicles are not permitted.

Warm-Ups

Anytime a race vehicle is started anywhere in the facility, a qualified and competent driver must be seated behind the steering wheel. No work may be done under a vehicle supported solely by a floor jack. Additional safety devices such as jack stands are mandatory to provide extra protection.

The practice of transbrake testing, converter stalls, line-loc testing, and/or transmission warming is prohibited in all classes, in all areas of the event except in starting-line approach areas beyond staging, or unless vehicle is on jack stands. Non-compliance is grounds for immediate disqualification from the event or such other and/or action as deemed appropriate by NHRA.

Staging Lanes

Strollers and children under the age of 12 are not permitted in restricted areas, unless they are racing a junior dragster. Listen to the PA System for class calls and lane assignments. Proceed to the staging lanes. Have your run card in a convenient location. For each run, a staging lane official will punch your run card.

Once you have your card punched, the official will motion you to proceed to the starting line area. Have all your safety equipment in place, including your seat or lap belts. Roll your windows up, turn air conditioner off. After dark please turn on your parking lights before entering the starting line area.

Burnouts

You may proceed to the burnout area to do a burnout or if you wish to not do a burnout, please drive around the water area. In an effort to keep the program moving at a steady pace, racers should adhere to the directions issued by Raceway Officials working the area and confine stationary burnouts to approximately five seconds. Burnouts are prohibited across the starting line in every class, except Super Eliminator which may cross the starting line, but not under power.

Pre-Stage – Dial In Boards

Proceed to the starting line and turn on the pre-stage light (top bulb). During eliminations, check the dial-in on the scoreboards before staging. If there is an error, it is your responsibility to inform the Official Starter to correct the error. If you pre-stage without notifying an MGR starting line official of the error, you have indicated your approval of the dial-ins. There will be no re-runs due to incorrect dial-ins.

Breakage

During time trials, if a competitor's vehicle breaks prior to crossing the dial-in line, that competitor has the remainder of that category's session to repair and make that run. If a competitor's vehicle breaks after crossing the dial-in line, it shall be counted as a run and the competitor will not be permitted any more attempts in that session.

During eliminations, when cars are paired by an official and are not at the "Point" (next pair to enter the water box) and one entrant fails to start or encounters problems:

- The opponent will be pulled to the side and the broken entrant will have until the end of the round to repair the entry and make the run.
- If the broken entrant is unable to do this, the opposing entrant will receive a competition bye and advance to the next round.
- If an entrant fails to start from the "Point to the water box" the entrant will have (30) thirty seconds to try and start the race car. If the race car does not start, the opponent will receive a competition bye.

While making a run down the track. If your vehicle has problems during the run, pull to the outside of your lane and stop slowly.

Round Robin

If needed, the Round Robin rule will be enforced. This can begin at 16 cars or less. If round robin is called then all racers are asked to cool, charge and fuel in the staging lanes. Once race director calls for a five (5) minute warning to be ready, any racer not ready in that time will be considered broke and their opponent will receive a broke single.

End of Track

When approaching the end of the track, you will be directed by a Raceway Official with help in exiting the racing surface. If you are experiencing stopping problems, GO STRAIGHT INTO THE SAND TRAP. Never attempt to turn left while traveling at a high speed. Always be alert when exiting the racing surface to avoid contact with your competitor. Remember that you are still on the racing surface until you have turned off to the left and are on the return road.

Safety Equipment

THE REMOVAL OF ANY SAFETY EQUIPMENT PRIOR TO EXITING THE RACING SURFACE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED, THIS INCLUDES THE SHUT DOWN AREA. Any driver caught in violation will be issued only one (1) warning, this includes during time trials. The next infraction will result in disqualification from the event and you will be asked to park your car for the day in all classes. Any further questions regarding the removal of safety equipment, please refer to the 2023 NHRA Rulebook, Section 2-Race Procedures.

Time Slips

Proceed to the time slip area located off the return road to pick up your time slip. The time slip tells you your reaction time (.000 is a perfect reaction time), 60', 330', 660', 1000', 1320' elapsed times (ET) and 660' & 1320' MPH.

Return Road / Pit Area

The speed limit in the pit area is 10 MPH. No burnouts are allowed on the return road or in the pit area. Violators endangering others with reckless and inconsiderate driving habits (whether it is in or on a race car or pit vehicle) will be expelled immediately from the facility along with the entire crew.

Closing Time

Local township ordinance mandates that racing be completed by 8:00 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday, 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and 11:00 p.m. on Saturdays. At no event will unmuffled engines be permitted to start before 8:30 a.m. ***RACERS ARE ASKED TO CLEAR THE PIT AREA WITHIN ONE (1) HOUR OF THE FINAL ROUND AT THE CONCLUSION OF RACING FOR THE WEEKEND.***

Trophies / Winnings

Trophies and checks will be awarded in the 1st floor of the Timing Tower. Please be prompt, as the Tower will be closed 30 minutes after the final pair crosses the finish line. If payouts are not picked up within 30 minutes after the final pair crosses the finish line, then payouts will be mailed to the address on the Tech Card. Payouts will go out into the mail on the next business day, not including any holidays that would affect the postal system. Racers must complete a W-9 tax form and either return it to the base of the Timing Tower or mail to the Maple Grove Raceway Office (30 Stauffer Park Lane, Mohnton, PA 19540). **WINNINGS WILL NOT BE GIVEN OR MAILED WITHOUT A COMPLETED W-9 FORM ON FILE, NO EXCEPTIONS.** If you are unsure if you have one on file, please call the office. Remember, monetary payouts are via checks, which have a stale date on them. So be mindful about cashing them ASAP.

Section II POLICIES AND RULES

Cancellation & Rain Policy

RACERS: In the event of cancellation, receipts issued at the gate will serve as rain checks. If more than half of round one (1) time trials is completed the cost would be \$15.00. If more than half of round one (1) eliminations is completed the cost would be \$25.00. A full round of eliminations must be completed in order to split the purse and the event would be completed. No credits will be issued. In order to determine what a racer would be refunded. Take the entry fee and subtract the cost listed above according to what was completed that day and the difference would be considered the amount a racer is refunded.

CREW: If more than half of round one (1) time trials is completed the cost would be \$5.00. If more than half of round one (1) eliminations is completed the cost would be \$10.00. If a full round of eliminations is completed no credits will be issued. In order to determine what a crew member would be refunded. Take the crew fee and subtract the cost listed above according to what was completed that day and the difference would be considered the amount a crew member is refunded.

In the case any refunds or rain checks are to be given to either a racer or crew member, please be sure to keep all receipts.

Refund Policy for Breakage

If a race entry breaks before making a time trial the car owner will be entitled to a full refund of the race entry ticket. If the car owner stays during the event they will be charged for a spectator ticket. Car owner must show a run card with no punches, or have the track starter verify the entry did not take the tree. Certain events on the schedule might not follow this policy. **If you make a run no refunds will be given.**

Cancellations

In the case of a cancellation of a Money Trail event due to unforeseen circumstances, the date will not be rescheduled for any reason.

Auxiliary Pit Vehicles:

Pit vehicles are used for race car support only & must display race car's number & class. All pit vehicles must carry a NHRA NED pit vehicle sticker. It is the pit vehicle owner's responsibility to obtain and carry liability insurance coverage on said vehicle. To obtain a sticker, the owner of the pit vehicle must show proof of a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance coverage and pay a \$10 fee. If the owner of the pit vehicle does not have proper insurance, the owner must purchase an insurance policy for \$50 and a pit vehicle sticker for an additional \$10. The liability coverage will be for the minimum amount of \$300,000 through NHRA.

- Forms are available on the 1st floor of the Timing Tower or MGR Website.
- No one under the age of 16 is permitted to operate a pit vehicle.
- All pit vehicles must be parked one (1) hour after the on track activities are completed.
- Car number needs to be written on the golf cart or auxiliary vehicle.

If a golf cart is utilized as a tow vehicle the maximum number of crew will be two (2) crew in a two-seat golf cart and four (4) in a four-seat golf cart. If a 4-wheeler ATV is utilized as a tow vehicle, the maximum number on the vehicle is one (1), the rider. No riders on the back of said vehicle. If any underage riders are found or vehicles are found to be operated in an unsafe manner, the owner of the pit vehicle will be immediately disqualified from the day's racing event and will also lose any points awarded to the owner on the day of the infraction. Crew members must be inside the confines of the tow vehicle or inside the bed of the truck with the tailgate in the up position. Crew members are not permitted to sit on tailgates or stand on running boards while the tow vehicle is moving. Pit vehicles not permitted in the staging lanes past the crosswalk. Pit vehicles must park outside the pavilion or outside the guardrails at the spectator walkway. No vehicles permitted at the front of the lanes. No pit vehicles are permitted in the pavilion, concession or souvenir areas located behind the pit side grandstands. Junior Dragster entries must be pulled by an auxiliary pit vehicle. Junior Dragster entries are not permitted to be pushed by the auxiliary pit vehicle.

THE USE OF PIT AND AUXILIARY VEHICLES AT MAPLE GROVE RACEWAY ARE A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT. RACERS WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR PIT OR AUXILIARY VEHICLE, IF THEY ARE OPERATING IT OR NOT. THE PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE A PIT OR AUXILIARY VEHICLE AT MAPLE GROVE RACEWAY MAY BE REVOKED AT THE TRACK'S DISCRETION.

Clothing

Drivers and passengers (if applicable) please note: Shorts (bare legs) and tank tops, crop tops or cut off sleeves (bare torso) are prohibited in all classes, including Friday Night Test N Tune events. Open toed shoes and flip flops are also prohibited in all classes, including Friday Night Test N Tune for racers, passengers and crew members.

Pit crews

A waiver must be signed to enter any restricted area (Staging Lanes and Starting Line), that includes the driver and any crew member. Any crew member entering a restricted area should have closed toed shoes. No sandals or flip flops are allowed on the starting line.

Entries

Car and driver combinations may enter more than one (1) category. **One (1) driver is permitted to enter two (2) vehicles in the same category. The driver may only earn points on one car number.** Two (2) drivers are permitted to use the same vehicle in a category, as long as each driver purchases a tech card and passes a technical inspection.

Compulink Timing System

The Compulink Auto Start Program will be utilized at Maple Grove Raceway events. The system will be programmed with a total timeout of ten (10) seconds. There will be no re-runs for being timed out. The Compulink Cross Talk program will be utilized in the Super Eliminator category only.

TruSTART

TruSTART has been applied to our Compulink Timing System during the 2017 season. TruSTART will also be utilized at all Summit Racing ET bracket events including the Summit Racing ET Bracket Finals. TruSTART calculates a true red light between two (2) cars and eliminates the first red light rule that has been in effect since the inception of the computerized system. The red light is calculated after the second car leaves the starting line and the foul light is displayed in the proper lane. TruSTART can only be used with a full tree.

Time Trial Sessions

Maple Grove Raceway will conduct one (1) session of time trials prior to eliminations at Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series events held on Saturdays and Sundays. Junior Dragster and Junior Street racers will receive two (2) sessions of time trials at Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series events held on both Saturdays and Sundays, weather and time permitting. Those racers wishing to run two (2) classes in the same vehicle will have one (1) run in each of the classes entered.

Categories of competition will be called to the lanes in sessions starting at 8:30am. The time trial will begin at 9:00 am sharp for all Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series events, weather permitting. Eliminations begin promptly after the round of time trials have ended. If a session is missed it cannot be made up. No exceptions. A clean up run will only be offered at the discretion of Maple Grove Raceway Race Control.

Please note that the run order for Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series event has been changed for the 2023 Season, so plan your day accordingly.

Bye Runs

The first round bye run will go to the driver who records the best reaction time during the first round of time trials. In the event of identical reaction times, the driver who records it first will be awarded the bye. A driver will remain eligible for the bye until he/she either uses it or is eliminated from the day's competition. Bye runs for subsequent rounds will be chosen in the same manner: the best reaction time from the previous round, until the ladder rounds. A driver is eligible for only one bye run during eliminations unless awarded one because of competitor breakage or if all other competitors have also received bye runs. When ladderded, a competitor that has a carryover bye run will automatically be forced to the number one (1) qualifying position. This will ensure that the competitor will receive the bye on the ladder if there is one. **Race control can force a bye into the next round. Bye car does not have to stage in an effort to save time.** Race control has the option to alter this policy if weather or curfew becomes a factor.

Laddering

Super, Pro, Sportsman, Top Bike, Junior Dragster, Junior Street, and Pro Dial will be randomly paired to the point of eight (8) or fewer vehicles left in completion, at which point they will be qualified by reaction time in the previous round. Reaction times will be used to qualify all classes. **Standard NHRA pro ladder will be established for ladder rounds and will be requalified each round.** Trophy will be run as random pairing throughout all eliminations rounds.

During Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series events, Junior Dragster racers will be split into two age groups. **The age groups are 6-10 years old and 11-18 years old. This split will continue until there is a winner in the 6-10 years old age group. That winner will merge into the 11-18 years old age group the following round. Ladder will be generated at eight (8) cars or less.**

Lane Choice

Racers in Super, Pro, and Sportsman Eliminations may select the right or left lane by pulling into the appropriate staging lane. Odd numbered staging lanes (1, 3, 5, & 7) will be pulled into the left lane of the track (Pit Side/ Penske Scoreboard). Even numbered staging lanes (2, 4, 6, & 8) will be pulled into the right lane (Spectator Side/ Lucas Scoreboard) of the track.

In all categories, lane choice is determined by car in front. Once committed to a staging lane, there will be no changing of lanes for any reason. During time trials, when a class reaches a point where all remaining competitors desire the same lane, the first car in line will get lane choice and the other car must utilize the other lane.

A coin flip will be used in the final for lane choice, better reaction time from the previous round will call the coin flip.

Dial-Ins

All competition numbers and dial-ins must be on the left side of the vehicle. Competition numbers are to be a minimum of six (6) inches in height while dial-ins must be written legibly and at least four (4) inches in height. Competition numbers and/or dial-ins on drag tires will not be accepted. Dial-ins must be in place on the race car by the time it reaches the white line in front of the staging lanes. Dial-ins cannot be altered after that point. In the event of a pause in racing for more than ten (10) minutes, racers after the white line may change their dial provided they inform a Raceway Official AND inform their competitor. It is the responsibility of the driver to check his/her dial-in on the dial-in boards and scoreboards before staging their vehicle. There will be no re-runs due to incorrect dial-ins.

Deep Staging

Racers are permitted to deep stage and are permitted to put “Deep” on the race entry. The word “DEEP” must be written clearly and largely on all four sides of the race entry. The tree will be on auto-start. The starter will hold the switch (override auto-start) for racer or racers going deep. There will be no disqualifications for going Deep. Drivers are reminded to use courtesy when staging against a fellow competitor. The word deep will not be permitted to be on the race entry at the NHRA Summit ET Finals. **No “Deep” in Super.**

Protest Fee

Any protests must be filed with the proper track officials the day prior to eliminations; must be accompanied by a \$250 protest fee. Protest fee will be forfeited to the vehicle owner if the protested vehicle is found in compliance with the requirements of its class of competition. If an inspection proves a protested vehicle to be out of its proper class, fees will be refunded, and the non-compliant entry will be subject to action as the Race Director may impose, including possible disqualification of competition privileges. Contestant protests may only be filed by a driver or registered vehicle competing in the same event and in the same eliminator category, as the vehicle being protested. Maple Grove Raceway reserves the right to reject any protest filed that determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, is frivolous or intended to harass another competitor or to otherwise gain some unfair competitive advantages.

Storage Form

Racers must complete a Storage Request form \$150.00 per season to the base of the Timing Tower. This paperwork and payment must be submitted prior to any individuals being allowed to leave any motorhome, trailer, racer car, etc. on the Maple Grove Raceway grounds. Storage request forms can be found in the Money Trail Membership packets, in the base of the Timing Tower or under the “Sunoco ET Series” page on the Maple Grove Raceway website.

Maple Grove Raceway reserves the right to ask for any motorhome, trailer, race car, etc. to be moved at any time for any reason. Do not leave your motorhomes, trailers, race cars, etc. anywhere without asking permission first. Even if you have a completed Storage Form submitted. Any motorhome, trailer, race car, etc. Left on the Maple Grove Raceway ground without a completed Storage Request Form and payment will be towed at the cost of the owner. Vehicles may not remain on any grass surface from one weekend to the next.

Event Parking

Racers who wish to park or enter the night before an event must purchase a spectator ticket for every individual in the motorhome, vehicle, trailer, etc. For example: a racer entering on a Friday Night Test N Tune Night to solely park in advance for a Saturday event will be charged for tickets on a Friday night. **For the 2023 season racers may park at no cost from 8:30 PM to gate close on a Friday night (gate closing times may vary based on Friday Night weather and other unforeseen instances).** Once the gates are closed at night, no racer, crew, spectator or fan may enter to park. Those racers or crew members arriving at the track once the gates have closed will be stacked in line until the gates re-open the next morning. Racers and crew members who have already been inside and wish to run an errand then return must have a ticket in order to re-enter at any time, (even after the gates close). There will not be any advance ticket sales allowed from fellow racers, crew members, etc. to allow an individual to enter for the first time after gates have closed. These parking rules will be strictly enforced.

Gold Cards

Racers who have a gold card from the 2022 season must present that card to the Maple Grove Raceway ticketing staff upon arrival. Racers who do not have the gold card with them when they enter are required to pay entry into the event. A gold card only applies to the entry fee for the racer who owns the gold card. The gold card can only be used on the entry for the class listed on the card, unless a special arrangement was made prior to season. Double entries, crew members or event spectating tickets are not covered under the use of a gold card.

Re-Entry Receipts / Tickets

Racers, crew members and fans are permitted to exit the facility, but must have a hand stamp and/or ticket stub in their possession in order to re-enter the facility, depending on the event. If an event does not require a hand stamp, a ticket must be with the customer at all times. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO RE-ENTER THE FACILITY WITHOUT A VALID TICKET. WRISTBANDS ARE NOT A VALID FORM OF IDENTIFICATION TO RE-ENTER THE FACILITY.** Wristbands are exclusively for location designation purposes during an event (ie. restricted area, vendor, hospitality, etc.).

Section III

RACE CLASS PARAMETERS

Super Eliminator

6.50 - 11.99 seconds (4.15 seconds 1/8th mile)

- Electronics (throttle stops / delay boxes / transbrakes) are permitted.
- Compulink Cross Talk will be used.
- Drivers running 7.49 and quicker must have an Advanced ET competition license and all required safety equipment per the NHRA rules, including a SFI 3.2A/15 fire suit and head and neck restraint device/system SFI 38.1.
- Cars running quicker than 9.99 seconds must have a SFI chassis certification. Cars running 7.49 and quicker must have an Advanced ET chassis certification.
- Burnouts across the starting line under power, are not permitted.
- Diapers or oil pans are required for all cars 10.00 and quicker.

Pro Eliminator

8.50 - 15.99 seconds (5.35 seconds 1/8th mile)

- Electronics (throttle stops and delay boxes) are prohibited.
- All delay boxes must be physically removed from the vehicle or disconnected.
- Transbrakes are permitted.
- Nitrous is allowed as a single stage system, operated by a WOT switch.
- Line locks are permitted. Two steps permitted.
- Automated air and electric shifters permitted.
- No Dragsters, Altered or center steering roadsters permitted. Side steer roadsters are permitted only if they have fenders.
- Diapers or oil pans are required for all cars 10.00 and quicker.
- Drivers/race cars running elapsed times of 9.99 or quicker must have an NHRA license, membership, equipment and an SFI chassis certification per NHRA rules.
- Bike & sleds are allowed to enter this Eliminator as long as all rules & regulations are met.

Sportsman Eliminator

11.50 - 19.99 seconds (7.35 seconds 1/8th mile)

- No electronics (throttle stops / delay boxes / transbrakes) permitted.
- All delay boxes must be physically removed from the vehicle.
- No rear-wheel line locks. Two steps permitted with manual transmission. If used with automatic transmission two step can only be used as a high side rev limiter.
- Sportsman eliminator race cars will be required to have factory glass, headlights, functioning mufflers, DOT approved or slick tires, hood (fiberglass permitted), doors, fenders and grill per the NED rules.
- Non-electronic eliminators equipped with a transbrake must have a quick disconnect on the wiring at the transbrake button. The unit must be disconnected and the unit may not be used in competition. Entries equipped with a transbrake within the transmission must have a wire leading to the rear of the car to a white light that is activated when the entry is placed in reverse.
- All drivers and race cars must comply with NHRA rules and regulations.

Top Bike / Sleds

7.50 – 15.99 seconds (4.50 seconds 1/8th mile)

- Throttle stops and delay boxes are permitted.
- All motorcycles in competition require a “kill switch” and must comply with NHRA rules and regulations.

Trophy Eliminator

12.00 - Slower (7.50 seconds 1/8th mile)

- Electronics and transbrakes are prohibited.
- Trophy Eliminator vehicles must maintain stock appearance. Street tires or DOT street tires permitted. Open exhaust permitted.
- Emphasis will be placed on maintaining Trophy Eliminator as a novice category.
- After a Trophy competitor wins two (2) Trophy Class events in the same season, if enrolled in the Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series, he/she must advance to the Sportsman category and will no longer be eligible to compete in Trophy.
- If the Trophy competitor is not enrolled in the Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series, after four (4) Trophy Class wins, the racer will be asked to move up to participate in the Sportsman Eliminator Class.

All Eliminators

- For entries that do not require a NHRA license (ie. 10.00 & slower), a NHRA competition number is not required unless the entry will be going to the ET finals.
- All cars running 9.99 and quicker must use an acceptable oil retention device at Money Trail ET Series races. All cars running 7.49 and faster or 200 mph and faster must have a head and neck restraint device/system SFI 38.1.
- Cooling system additives are strictly prohibited. No anti-freeze or lubricant type additives allowed. If a race entry leaks such products on the racing surface, the entrant will be disqualified from further racing activities for the balance of the event. Exceptions only include current state licensed and inspected vehicles.
- Entrants having a battery problem may utilize a “hot box” jumper system to start the race car.
- For regulations on shielding, refer to the NHRA rulebook
- The use of any temporary or permanent shielding, including paint, that obstructs the driver’s vision that is attached to the helmet, window, windshield is prohibited. Any other shielding must have a permanent attachment, such that it requires tools for removal. Maximum size of shield: 4-inches by 8-inches.
- Excessive window tinting is not permitted in any eliminator. If a Maple Grove official can’t see inside the race car because of window tinting it is illegal and must be removed.

Junior Street

1/8 mile race, all run field, 500 Full Tree

- Full bodied street legal cars and light trucks only.
- Vehicle must be the vehicle in which racer obtained licensure.
- Car and Driver must meet NHRA and track safety rules.
- Vehicle must be driven to the racetrack, per the NHRA rules.
- All other rules can be found in the Junior Street section of the NHRA Rulebook.

Junior Dragster

1/8 mile race, all run field

- 500 Full tree
- 13.90 or slower: 6-7 years old
- 11.90 or slower: 8-9 years old
- 8.90 or slower: 10-12 years old
- 7.90 or slower: 13-18 years old
- No pullbacks
- **Eliminations will be run based on an NHRA ladder starting at eight (8) cars or less.**
- Car & Driver must meet NHRA and track safety rules.
- Age groups for Jr Dragster will be (6-9) and (10-18)

Pro Dial

500 pro tree, dial your car

- Full bodied cars only. Left Steer Street Roadsters permitted
- Throttle stops/controllers, delay boxes/devices are not permitted in or on the vehicle.
- Trans brake & two step permitted.
- Deep staging allowed, but auto-start will be on at all times. Courtesy staging advised.
- The bye car for first round will be the car with the best non-red reaction time during first time trial.
- Car & Driver must meet NHRA & track safety rules.

NOTE FOR ALL RACERS: Any race entrant found utilizing illegal devices, will be disqualified from the event and will be suspended from competition at all Maple Grove Raceway events for a period of six (6) months. Off-season months do not count toward meeting the six-month suspension and will be carried into the following season.

NOTE: The use of any device specifically designed and/or used to measure drive shaft speed, wheel speed or track position that has the capability of adding and/or removing power from the engine or transmitting a signal to the driver, any other person (i.e. light or sound etc.) or any other device is prohibited. Anyone found to be in violation of this rule will be suspended indefinitely

Section IV
Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series

All end of year cash awards for the Money Trail Program will be presented as part of the 2023 Money Trail Awards Ceremony. The event is TBD for 2024. Attendance is mandatory in order to receive year end payout.

The 2023 Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series consists of 10 races for Super, Pro, Sportsman, Pro Dial and Top Bike with all races being points earning events. Junior Dragster and Junior Street racers will have 10 races being points earning events. In order to earn points in the Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series, a racer must complete the application and be paid in full by 11am April 22nd, 2023 of Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series race from which points accumulation begins. Points are awarded to enrolled drivers only. Points belonging to the driver are non-transferable from one class to another. To earn points for a round, a racer must turn on the finish line win light. Money Trail Member applications can be found on the Maple Grove website. *Racers entered in the Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series must run the following decals: Money Trail, ET Series, Team Maple Grove and any other class specific decals.*

Weekly Times

Gates Open: 7am Time Trial(s): 9:00am
Eliminations: Immediately upon completion of time trial.

Race Dates FOR SUPER, PRO, SPORTSMAN, PRO DIAL & TOP BIKE

April 22 & 23; June 24 & 25; July 8 & 9 August 12, 13, 19, & 20

Race Dates FOR JUNIOR DRAGSTER & JUNIOR STREET

April 15, 22, & 23; June 4, 24, & 25; July 30; August 6, 19, & 20

Membership Entry Fees

Super \$50	Pro \$50	Sportsman \$50	Top Bike \$50
Pro Dial \$50	Junior Dragster \$50	Junior Street \$50	

Weekly Entry Fees

Super \$80	Pro \$65	Sportsman \$50	Top Bike \$45
Pro Dial \$50	Junior Dragster \$40	Junior Street \$40	

Buyback Fees

Super \$50	Pro \$40	Sportsman \$30	Top Bike \$30
Pro Dial \$30	Junior Dragster \$20		

SUNOCO RACE FUELS ET SERIES RACER PROGRAMS

KING OF THE TRACK

The King of the Track program will be run on Saturday, June 24th, 2023. It will run the same way as in previous years. Racers participating in Super, Pro, Sportsman and Top Bike are eligible to participate. The winner in Super, Pro, Sportsman and Top Bike will race each other until one racer remains. That remaining racer will be Maple Grove Raceway's 2023 King (or Queen) of the Track and will receive a Wally Trophy and custom King of the Track hat.

NHRATV.com CHALLENGE

The NHRATV.com Challenge will be a one (1) day event. The NHRATV.com Challenge will be run Saturday, August 19th, 2023 during the back to back Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series events. Racers participating in Super, Pro, Sportsman and Top Bike are eligible to participate. The winner of the NHRATV.com Challenge receives a hat and Wally Trophy.

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT JUNIOR DRAGSTER CHALLENGE

Summit Racing Equipment Junior Dragster and Junior Street Class Winners for this event will each receive a special NHRA Trophy for winning their respective class on Saturday, October 29th, 2023. There will be five (5) classes running during the Junior Dragster Challenge. Junior Dragster will be broken down into four (4) age brackets for the day. Those age brackets are: 6-7 years; 8-9 years; 10-12 years; and 13-18 years. All Junior Street racers will compete in one (1) class.

NHRA JUNIOR DRAG RACING LEAGUE EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

The top thirty (30) drivers entered in the Junior Dragster class will represent Maple Grove Raceway at the NHRA Junior Drag Racing League Eastern Conference Finals held at Bristol Dragway, July 11th - 16th 2022. Each of the three (3) teams will be comprised of ten (10) racers. Each racer must be a Money Trail Program member. Points will be earned from April 24th through June 5th inclusive.

RACER INCENTIVES



Sunoco Race Fuel ET Series Points Races

All Classes

Any racer winning their class with a perfect run will receive a check for \$1,000 *

Any racer winning their class with a .005 package or better will receive a check for \$500 *

Any racer winning their class with a .010 package or better will receive a check for \$250 *

*** Only one of the above for each class - \$1,000, \$500 or \$250**

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Section V

NORTHEAST DIVISIONAL RACES

NORTHEAST DIVISION SUMMIT ET BRACKET FINALS

The NED Summit ET Finals will be held at Numidia Dragway.

Maple Grove Raceway will be selecting a Team Captain prior to the first Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series event. This person will be the go to person during the Bracket Finals for questions as well as the lead person to raising funds for Team Maple Grove throughout the season. Maple Grove Raceway Management will be able to help when available.

Competitors must be a current member of the Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series for points to count toward securing a place on Team Maple Grove Raceway. For 2023, points earned toward a spot on Team Maple Grove will be based on yearlong total points earned during the 13-races leading up to the NED Summit ET Finals. The last day to earn points to potentially earn a spot on Team Maple Grove is at race 13 of the Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series.

Maple Grove Raceway will send a team of 35 racers to the ET Finals: Super (top ten (12) in seasonal points), Pro (top ten (12) in seasonal points), Sportsman (top ten (8) in seasonal points), Top Bike (top five (3) in seasonal points) and the Junior Street winner. If Maple Grove Raceway is able to send more participants then more racer may be asked if they are interested in representing Team Maple Grove based off points.

The four (4) NHRA Northeast Division champions from the ET Finals will be invited to participate at the Dodge NHRA Nationals at The Strip in Las Vegas, Nevada in October 2023. They will compete against the champions from NHRA's six (6) other divisions for a world championship in each respective eliminator.

In an effort to break up the same cars from running each other every year, it was decided to keep the old numbering system (1MG, 31MG, etc.).

- Double entries will not be permitted
- Racers may not share a vehicle, each driver must have their own vehicle.
- Racer must have participated at at least three (3) ET Points Series races at the track he or she is representing.
- Vehicles may be substituted prior to arrival only, and only if driven by the same driver listed on the team roster. One (1) emergency roster change per team is permitted by the Wednesday before the event. However, **NO DRIVER SUBSTITUTIONS!**

JUNIOR DRAG RACING LEAGUE DIVISIONAL

The Junior Drag Racing League Northeast Divisional will be held at TBD location. Competitors must be a current member of the Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series for points to count toward earning a place on Team Maple Grove Raceway. This event is open for both Junior Dragster and Junior Street competitors.

Maple Grove Raceway has the ability to send as many Junior racers as wish to attend the event and represent Team Maple Grove. However, only one (1) team of ten (10) have the ability to earn points toward Team Maple Grove. There are four (4) age categories for Junior Dragster competitors. Those age breakdowns are: 6-9 years, 10-12 years, 13-14 years and 15-17 years old. There is one (1) category for Junior Street competitors that encompasses all ages. There will also be a Race of Champions in addition to the age categories. Track Teams will also have the chance to win Team Champions and Team Spirit.

Section VI

MONEY TRAIL POINTS

SUNOCO RACE FUELS ET

- 10 Points 1st round appearance points are earned by the entry staging under its own power.
- 10 Points To all round winners.
- 1 Point Quarter bonus point.
- 2 Points Semi bonus points.
- 3 Points Runner-up bonus points.
- 5 points Winner bonus points.

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SYSTEM TO ELIMINATE TIES

IN YEAR END POINTS:

1. First tie breaker, most wins
2. Second tie breaker, most runner-up finishes
3. Third tie breaker, most semifinal appearances
4. Fourth tie breaker, most quarterfinal appearances
5. Fifth tie breaker, most round wins down to first round if necessary.

Section VII
MONEY TRAIL PAYOUTS
SUNOCO RACE FUELS ET SERIES
WINNER & RUNNER-UP FORFEIT
ROUND MONEY

WEEKLY PAYOUTS

Super

Winner	
\$2,000	
Runner-Up	\$800
Round Money Starts 4th Rd.	\$100

Pro

Winner	
\$1,500	
Runner-Up	\$500
Round Money Starts 3rd Rd.	\$35

Sportsman

Winner	\$500
Runner-Up	\$200
Round Money Starts 3rd Rd.	\$25

Top Bike

1-8 Entries	
Winner	\$100
Runner-Up	\$50
9-16 Entries	
Winner	\$200
Runner-Up	\$100

Junior Dragster

Winner	\$200
Runner-Up	\$100
Semi-Finalist	\$50

Junior Street

Winner	\$100
Runner-Up	\$50

Pro Dial

Winner	\$500
Runner-Up	\$200
Round Money Starts 3rd Rd.	\$25

Section VIII
WEEKLY FEES

Sunoco Race Fuels ET Series

\$15	Crew & Spectator (13 & older)
	<i>(Children 12 & under free with adult)</i>
\$80	Super
\$65	Pro
\$50	Sportsman
\$45	Top Bike
\$40	Junior Dragster
\$40	Junior Street
\$50	Pro Dial
\$40	Trophy
\$75	Time and License

Section X
FRIDAY NIGHT TEST N
TUNE

Fast Friday Nights are scheduled May thru August for the 2023 Season. Gates open at 4 p.m. and racing starts at 5 p.m., weather permitting.

The lanes will be closed at 9:00 p.m. to allow the rest of the cars already in lanes to be completed by 10:00 p.m.

- The cost to race is \$50
- Spectators 13 & older are \$15
- Children 12 & younger are FREE.

The lanes will be assigned as follows: Street Tires (Lanes 1-4); Slick Tires (Lanes 5-7); Bikes, Jr. Street, Jr. Dragster (Lane 8). When you pass Tech Inspection, the Maple Grove official will write a lane number on your vehicle. It is crucial that you remain in that lane the entire event, unless otherwise directed by a Maple Grove Official in the Staging Lanes.

Guest Information

- Listen to the race broadcast on 91.3 FM.
- Coolers are permitted at most events. Maximum size: 12 inches. Check with racetrack staff about any questions.
- Pets are permitted, but must be on a leash at all times and are not allowed in the grandstands (except service animals assisting those with disabilities).
- Smoking in the grandstands is prohibited.
- Customers are permitted to exit the facility, but must have a hand stamp and ticket stub in their possession in order to re-enter the track.

Prohibited items:

- Alcohol.
- Glass bottles or containers.
- Seatback-type cushions in grandstands exceeding 18 inches.
- Radio-controlled aerial devices (a.k.a. “drones”) of any type.
- Other items in the judgment of management or security staff which pose a safety hazard or diminish the enjoyment of the event by other patrons.
- ***No fireworks of any form*** are permitted on the property at any time.
- Any violations to this policy will mean immediate disqualification from the event and loss of any points, this policy is for all MGR attendees.
- Firearms are not permitted on the grounds of Maple Grove Raceway.

Disclaimer

The regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. This document serves as a supplement to the rules established in the official 2023 NHRA Rulebook. The combination of the NHRA Rulebook and the Maple Grove Raceway rules shall govern all events, and by participating in these events, all participants are required to comply with these rules. NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATION OF OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and do not guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator or official. The Race Control shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions. NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF SPECIFICATIONS. Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decision is final. Rules and race

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