

POLICY



Title: **Track Regulations**

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1.0 Purpose / Strategy

These regulations establish safety, conduct, and operational requirements for all participants at a Benaraby Dragway event, ensuring a controlled racing environment, protecting competitors and spectators, and maintaining event integrity. The policy aligns with IHRA safety protocols, competitor conduct standards, and operational guidelines.

2.0 Scope

This regulation applies to all competitors (licensed drivers and crew members), officials and track personnel, spectators and visitors, event organisers and sponsors.

3.0 Definitions

IHRA: International Hot Rod Association Australia

Benaraby Dragway: The incorporated association alternatively called the Central Queensland Drag Racing Association Incorporated.

4.0 Responsibilities

Management Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Upholding standards as prescribed in this Policy
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5.0 Regulations

5.1 General Regulations

5.1.1 Track Access & Conduct

- Entry to the racing surface and restricted areas is limited to authorised personnel only.
- IHRA start line procedure will be followed.
- Alcohol and drug use is strictly prohibited before and during competition.

- Burnouts are permitted only in designated areas (i.e. water box to start line)
- Speed limits must be observed: 15kph in non-racing areas, 25kph on return roads, and strict limits of 220mph (cars) and 175mph (bikes) on the track.
- Helmets are to be worn when riding motorbikes including pit bikes/quads. No unaccompanied minors.
- No burnouts, practice launching or use of high beams permitted on the return road.
- Unsportsmanlike behaviour, aggressive driving, or failure to comply with official instructions may result in disqualification and removal from the facility.

5.1.2 Vehicle & Equipment Standards

- All vehicles must adhere to IHRA technical specifications for their respective class.
- Competitors must wear mandatory safety gear, including helmets, fire-resistant suits, gloves, and harnesses etc per IHRA requirements for their respective class.
- Vehicles must undergo pre-race technical inspections to ensure compliance with IHRA standards.
- Race numbers are to be clearly displayed and visible by the tower staff on the left-hand side of the vehicle, and as per IHRA specifications. Bike minimum 50mm high and 25mm wide. All other vehicles 150mm and 75mm wide. (In all cases, width by be at least 50% of the height).
- Electric and hybrid vehicles are banned due to safety concerns.
- Air conditioners in race vehicles must remain off at all times.
- Tail lights (at least one) must be on and working.

5.2 Racing Operations

5.2.1 Staging and Race Procedures

- Competitors must be ready and wearing all safety gear in staging lanes as directed by officials. Safety gear (including helmets) must stay on until competitor has turned passed the Fire Marshall shed and on the return road.
- Unauthorised personnel are prohibited from restricted areas beyond the start line.
- Race sequencing and event scheduling must be followed precisely to prevent disruptions.
- All racers and crew must attend the drivers' briefings (usually before the meeting starts at the base of the tower). No engines to be started or running during the briefing.

- Bracket and eliminator format racing must adhere to IHRA approved procedures.
- Seeding of brackets is based on the fastest ET during qualifying (within bracket speed limitations)
- Staging must be performed under vehicle power in a forward motion
- Dial-in is considered accepted on commencement of your burn out.
- In the event of mechanical failure, leaking fluids or debris from a vehicle, safely move to the barrier side of the track as soon as possible.
- Touching or crossing the centre line will result in disqualification. Racer must get off the throttle and cease racing immediately coasting to finish line.
- Lane 2 (right hand side closest to bar) must give way to Lane 1 (left hand side closest to tower) in the braking area before exiting onto the return road.
- Racers to advise tower staff immediately if their vehicle is broken.
- Broken vehicles will be removed from qualifying list up to 30 minutes after qualifying rounds completed. Once brackets are seeded and racers notified, they will not be reseeded.
- Junior competitors are to be escorted by an adult (over 18) to the staging area, and from the pit end of the return road.
- Junior competitors must wait for the direction of the fire marshalls at the end of the track before exiting.
- The first competitor to 'red light' loses the race immediately, except if the other competitor crosses the centre line.
- Tow vehicles must be moved to the tower side of the track and display the race number of the vehicle they are in tender for. Do not block the emergency exit. All passengers must be seated inside the vehicle.

5.3 Refund and Cancellation Policy

5.3.1 Refunds and Carry-Over Fees

Nomination entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable, except where notice of non-attendance is provided prior to the commencement of the event.

In such cases, fees may be refunded or carried over to a future round, at the discretion of Benaraby Dragway.

Requests for refunds or credits after the event has commenced will only be considered in cases of extenuating circumstances, such as:

- Medical emergencies
- Serious illness
- Family bereavement

- Other unforeseen events beyond the participant's control

All such requests must be supported by appropriate evidence and are subject to the approval of Benaraby Dragway.

5.3.2 Event Cancellations (After Commencement)

If an event is cancelled after it has commenced due to weather conditions (including rain) or other unforeseen circumstances, no refunds or credits will be issued under any circumstances.

By entering and attending the event, all participants acknowledge and accept the risk of weather-related and other disruptions, including the possibility of cancellation after the event has begun.

Participation in such conditions is entirely at the entrant's own risk.

5.3.3 Event Cancellations (Before Commencement)

If an event is cancelled by Benaraby Dragway before it begins, all nomination fees will be automatically carried over to the next scheduled event.

Entrants who prefer a refund may request one by emailing treasurer@benarabydragway.com.au

Refund requests must be submitted within three (3) days of the cancellation notice and are subject to verification and approval by Benaraby Dragway.

5.4 Enforcements and Penalties

Violation of track regulations will result in disciplinary actions, including race suspension or expulsion.

Officials reserve the right to remove vehicles or competitors from competition due to non-compliance or safety concerns.

Failure to meet IHRA safety requirements will result in immediate disqualification.

5.5 Supplementary Regulations

- Crew and drivers must wear enclosed shoes in restricted areas.
- No drones are permitted without prior approval.
- Fires are strictly prohibited during racing and are only permitted if contained within a firepit and always accompanied.
- There is no power available at Benaraby Dragway.
- Generators must not exceed 65dB at 7m. Please ensure you are courteous of your neighbours.
- Jack stands must be used when working under vehicles.

- Only IHRA-sanctioned race numbers are allowed.
- The meeting director's decisions are final.
- No abuse will be tolerated; violators will be removed.

5.6 Compliance and Amendments

These regulations are reviewed periodically to align with Benaraby Dragway and IHRA standards and evolving safety protocols.

Any amendments will be communicated officially via Benaraby Dragway official bulletins.

6.0 Attachments

None

7.0 Revision History

Revision	Revision Date	Change Reason
V002	01/07/2025	1. Updated to new style. 2. Incorporated comprehensive Refund and Cancellation policy