

NHRA DRAGS: STREET LEGAL STYLE PRESENTED BY AAA

Drag racing can trace its roots to local streets — anywhere a straight piece of asphalt and a set of traffic signals existed. In the early 1950s, NHRA worked with local law-enforcement agencies around the country to entice such traffic-light racers off the streets and onto dry lakes and abandoned runways, where more organized competition could be staged. From those humble origins, the sport of NHRA Championship Drag Racing was born.



Unfortunately, not everyone participates in legitimate, organized events. Many still choose to race illegally on public streets.

Recognizing the seriousness of the problem, NHRA established relationships with law-enforcement agencies throughout the country. Through these relationships, the NHRA Drags: Street Legal Style presented by AAA program was born. One of the most effective tools in the fight against illegal street racing is the establishment of Street Legal events at NHRA member tracks.

This category is reserved for foreign and domestic production-type automobiles and trucks. All vehicles must be street driven and carry proof of vehicle registration and valid insurance. Vehicles must also display valid license plates. Vehicles running in the Street Legal category must be able to pass all state highway safety requirements for the state in which the vehicle is registered.

Additionally, requirements and specifications for Street Legal are the same as those for the Summit Racing Series with the following exception. Unaltered 2008 OEM model-year and newer production cars running slower than 9.99 and 135 mph do not have to meet the requirements and specifications for the Summit Racing Series except for the following: Convertibles and T-tops must meet Summit Racing Series roll-bar and roll-cage requirements. ***Note: Tires used may be other than OEM, but they must be DOT-approved. Other changes/modifications to items such as but not limited to intake air systems, exhaust systems, computer programming from the factory OEM equipment are considered "alterations." As such, 2008 and newer vehicles with changes/modifications must meet the Summit Racing Series rules.*** All drivers must meet the Summit Racing Series helmet and protective-clothing requirements.

At Street Legal events, only legitimate street-legal machines are permitted to participate. Though competition structure varies from track to track, emphasis is placed on fun. A common Street Legal venue will feature time trials and grudge racing only, which ensures each participant the opportunity for a maximum number of passes down the dragstrip. Grudge racing permits participants to choose their competition rather than participate in an organized eliminator. And, once eliminated, a participant may return to the staging lanes for more time trials or grudge runs. Being eliminated at a Street Legal event does not necessarily mean it's time to go home.

Street Legal events provide a legal environment where you can drag race. Have fun!