

# TEXAS MOTORPLEX RULES & INFORMATION

## WELCOME

The management and staff of Texas Motorplex are pleased to welcome you to the Texas Motorplex Drag Racing Series. Whether you have been racing at this world famous track since its debut in 1986 or this is your first time, we sincerely hope you enjoy your time at our facility.

This rules and information package will be used in conjunction with the current NHRA Rule Book, and will provide you with the proper rules and procedures for competing at Texas Motorplex. We encourage every racer to become a member of the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA), which entitles you to receive NHRA's publication, *National Dragster*, and much more.

Should you have any questions regarding Texas Motorplex rules or need event information please call our offices at (972)878-2641 or visit our website at [texasmotorplex.com](http://texasmotorplex.com).

## MISSION STATEMENT

"The Texas Motorplex management staff, track safety crew, and food service staff are dedicated to providing racers, crews, fans, families, sponsors, and supporters the most satisfying and enjoyable entertainment experience possible while at the Motorplex."

## PIT VEHICLES

Anyone operating a pit vehicle during a Texas Motorplex event must be 16 years of age. Anyone under the age of 16 found operating a pit vehicle will lose any event points for that race. If a second offense occurs the racer will lose event points and racing privileges will be suspended for one week, at the discretion of the Competition Director. All pit vehicles must be registered. Please register your golf cart, moped, four-wheeler or other pit vehicle in Race Control (Suite 208).

## TECH CARDS

Every driver must fill out a tech card for each class of participation. All tech cards must be filled out completely, or they will not be accepted at tech inspection. The driver must sign both front and back of each tech card.

## POINTS PROGRAM

If you wish to enter the Texas Motorplex Drag Racing Series points program, you must complete a registration form and return it to Race Control (Suite 208) prior to earning points. Starting in 2016, we will calculate point for ALL Racers for the first 4 races, racers will have until the end of the fourth race to sign up for points to keep those points. After the fourth race anyone that HAS NOT registered for points will be reset to ZERO and points will no longer be calculated for. To be eligible for points, drivers must have a current NHRA Permanent Competition Number. This number must be attained prior to registering for the Texas Motorplex points program. There is a \$25 charge for the first E.T. class to register for the points and each additional class will be \$20 per class. Drivers must register for each category in which they would like to earn points. All fees will be applied to the class entered for the end-of-the-year points fund.

## POINTS CALCULATION

In order to earn points in the Motorplex Drag Racing Series, drivers must complete a points registration form. There is a charge to enter points at the Texas Motorplex. Points are calculated in the following manner: Each time a driver reaches the ready stripe during eliminations, that driver will receive points for that round (i.e. round 1 =11 points, round 2 = 12 points, round 3 =13 points, etc.). The race winner will be awarded round points plus a bonus equaling the final round number, (i.e. if the final round is 5, winner will receive round points plus 5 bonus points, in this case the driver would earn a total of 70 points).

## PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

Texas Motorplex participants should pay close attention to announcements on the public address system. Stay tuned for class calls and the status of eliminations. You can tune in to our track radio station at 88.7 FM while at the track to hear the announcements.

## New for 2016

**Texas Motorplex will share your race photos on our social media. When you post you'r photos just type in. #Motorplexbracket**

## TEXAS MOTORPLEX RACER

### e-NEWSLETTER AND FACEBOOK

The Texas Motorplex Racer e-Newsletter will be sent out to racers who sign up online at [Texasmotorplex.com](http://Texasmotorplex.com). This will be a good source for any information regarding schedules, rules, stories and information about what is happening on and off the track. "Like" us Facebook and keep up with event information and updates.

## CLEANING UP

It is our opinion that Texas Motorplex is one of the world's finest motorsports facilities. We hope you feel the same and help us in an effort to maintain this high quality facility. We ask that you please place all trash and refuse in the proper trash containers which are provided throughout the facility. We also ask that all used oil be deposited in the proper area provided in the pit area. **Glass bottle are PROHIBITED at Texas Motorplex. DO NOT dump charcoal in any trash cans.**

## RESTRICTED AREAS

The areas located directly beneath the control tower, staging lanes, short chute, track and return road are restricted areas. Spectator viewing is not allowed from these areas. Children 14 years of age and younger must remain inside a tow vehicle while in these areas.

**Racers and spectators are not allowed in the Press Room or VIP Suites without proper credentials. Golf carts are not considered enclosed vehicles.**



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The following information is intended to outline class rules and racing regulations for each of the categories that compete in the Texas Motorplex Drag Racing Series. Racers should familiarize themselves with the NHRA Rulebook for any and all specific rules and regulations regarding vehicle safety specifications. All NHRA safety rules and regulations will be strictly enforced.

**ELECTRONICS 1/8:** This category is reserved for race cars and motorcycles running 4.00 and slower (1/8 mile). All NHRA approved electronic driving aids and throttle controls are accepted for use in competition. Any other devices are considered illegal. Deep staging is not allowed. Courtesy staging will be enforced.

**NO Box 1/8:** This class is reserved for cars and motorcycles running E.T. of 4.00 seconds and slower. The following devices are not allowed to aid in the launch of the vehicle: delay boxes and throttle stops. The following devices are allowed: Transbrakes, line locks, two and three step rev limiters. All wiring for a line lock device must be completely exposed at all times from the button to the solenoid. Quick disconnect wiring will be allowed. Delay boxes, etc. on quick disconnects must be completely removed from the vehicle during No Box competition. Any device may be removed at any time by the Competition Director or Tech Official. Discovery of electronic devices, not removed from quick disconnects during No Box competition will result in automatic disqualification, and possible further disciplinary actions. Deep staging is not allowed. Courtesy staging will be enforced.

**QUICK CLASSES (Open Wheel, Door Slammer & No-Box 1/8:** In 2016 we are going back to a set 16 car field in all three quick classes, the calls will be a qualified field of the quickest 16 entrants. Eliminations will be conducted on an E.T. dial your own basis. Entrants must dial-in within one-tenth (.1) of their qualifying time. Pairings for eliminations will be made using an NHRA sportsman ladder with 16 qualifiers ranked from quickest to slowest. Lane choice will go to the lower qualified car for round 1 to the final round. Any driver running 7.49 or quicker must have an NHRA advanced E.T. license and the vehicle must be certified for advanced E.T. Deep staging is not allowed. Courtesy staging will be enforced. Quick classes will not be run with fewer than eight cars.

Quick Combo 1/8: Non-Quilifiers in Open Wheel and Door Slammer quick classes will automatically be entered into the Quick Combo runoff race.

**JR. DRAGSTER 1/8:** This class is open to Jr. Dragster competitors holding an NHRA Jr. Dragster Driver's Certificate, with a minor release on file with NHRA and Texas Motorplex. All NHRA rules are in effect for the Jr. Dragster category where E.T. rules, safety rules, and driver conduct are concerned. Please be familiar with all NHRA rules. Deep staging is allowed. Should a driver accidentally deep stage, the driver must signal a track official to pull the car back. Crew members or parents are not allowed to touch the Jr. Dragster once it has passed the cone on the starting line. If a parent or crewmember touches the car once it is pre-staged, that car and driver will be disqualified. Only track officials are permitted to touch the car once it has entered the pre-stage beam. Only one chance will be given to re-stage a car. The driver must accept the tree upon staging a second time. Jr. Dragsters will not utilize the AutoStart system. Driver's must meet class age and elapsed time requirements as follow: 13-17 years of age, with a max E.T. of 7.90 seconds; 10-12 years of age with a max E.T. of 8.90 seconds; and 8 and 9 years of age with a max E.T. of 11.90 seconds. Sportsman class is open to 10.50-20.00 E.T. Modified class is open to 7.90-10.49 E.T. Any competitor running quicker than 7.50 E.T. in the eighth-mile or 4.10 E.T. in 330 feet or faster than 85.00 mph at any time during eliminations will be disqualified from the event. Following a run all vehicles must be towed back to the pits. Drivers are not allowed to drive the vehicle in the pit area.

**JR. QUICK 1/8:** This is a qualified field of the quickest eight entrants. Eliminations will be conducted on an E.T. dial your own basis. Entrants must dial-in within one tenth (.1) of their qualifying time. Pairings for eliminations will be made using an NHRA pro ladder with eight qualifiers ranked from quickest to slowest. Lane choice will go to the lower qualified car for round 1 to the final round. Deep staging is allowed. Courtesy staging will be enforced. Following a run all vehicles must be towed back to the pits. Drivers are not allowed to drive the vehicle in the pit area.

**STREET ELIMINATOR 1/8:** Street Eliminator is open to all street legal cars that are tagged, inspected and driven by drivers that have a current state issued drivers license. Slicks and drag radial tires and any electronic device to aid in the launch of the vehicle are **NOT ALLOWED** in Street Eliminator. **Entrants must run an E.T. of 7.50 seconds and slower.** Deep staging is **NOT ALLOWED.** Courtesy staging will be enforced.

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The following rules and regulations will pertain to all categories, unless specifically noted. These rules and regulations may or may not differ from the NHRA Rulebook.

### ❖ATV's AND SCOOTERS

No one under the age of 16 is allowed to drive ATV's or scooters at any time. These vehicles are not to be used as recreational vehicles while at Texas Motorplex. Support vehicles must carry the corresponding race car number. Misuse of pit vehicles will result in the vehicles will being impounded and the racer associated with the pit vehicle may be disqualified. Register your pit vehicle for NHRA Division 4 tracks in Race Control (Suite 208) in the Texas Motorplex Tower. Pit vehicles **MUST** have an NHRA auxillary vehicle sticker.

### ❖BURN-OUTS AND TESTING OF EQUIPMENT

Burnouts are allowed only in the designated burnout box of the race track. Burnouts performed in any other location of the facility will result in disqualification. The practice of testing transbrakes, line locks, and other equipment where full or partial throttle is achieved while the vehicle is on the ground is strictly prohibited. Testing the equipment must be done while the car is elevated on jack stands, or in the starting line approach areas only. Disregarding this rule will be grounds for further disciplinary action. Any car being warmed or tested in the pits must be elevated by a minimum of two jack stands at the rear end of the car if it is not being driven. The practice of warming a car by only using one jack is strictly prohibited. A qualified driver must be in the cockpit while any car is running. Any violation of these rules will be grounds for immediate disqualification and further disciplinary action.

### ❖DIAL-INS

Dial-ins must be posted on the vehicle before reaching the crossover bridge. There is a sign noting they must be posted on the car at that point and cannot be changed for any reason. All dial-ins must be posted on the right side or rear of the racing vehicle. Hand-held dial-in boards, writing the dial-in on the tow vehicle, or poorly written dial-ins will not be accepted or entered into the computer. The only time a dial-in can be changed is in the event of an oil-down or rain delay. Only the competitors at the ready stripe can agree mutually to change their dial-ins. Once a driver has pre-staged, they have accepted the dial-in as posted on the scoreboards. It is the driver's responsibility to check the dial-in before staging the race car. There will be no re-runs as a result of an incorrect dial-in.

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## ❖DRIVING IN MULTIPLE CLASSES

One driver may not be entered in the same class more than one time at the same event. One car cannot be entered in the same class more than one time at the event. Two drivers may not drive the same car in one class at the same event. We encourage racers to enter more than one class, even with the same car. Upon doing so, the driver understands that he or she could be required to return to the staging lanes quickly to enable the program to proceed at a normal pace. We ask that you take this into consideration when entering two or more classes. We will not put a hold on eliminations for one driver to return to the lanes. However, every effort will be made to accommodate drivers running multiple classes.

## ❖RAIN-OUT POLICY

It is the goal of Texas Motorplex to conduct events according to schedule. Should there be a substantial chance that an event will never get started due to rain or inclement weather, Texas Motorplex officials will make every effort to notify the public of cancellation. Texas Motorplex has an automated phone system and a website ([www.texasmotorplex.com](http://www.texasmotorplex.com)) that will contain information regarding event status. If inclement weather begins after gates open, reasonable efforts will be made to complete the event. Should weather halt an event after eliminations begin, drivers in attendance will be given the points he/she has earned in competition. A minimum of 11 points will be awarded to each driver in the event of a rain-out during eliminations. Up-to-the minute schedule decisions will be posted on Facebook first.

## ❖BREAK RULES

If a driver breaks after they have taken a green light in any time trial session but before round 1 of eliminations, that driver will be eligible for a break refund. A rain check will be issued for \$15 less than the tech card entry. The rain check will be valid up to six months from the date it is issued. If a driver breaks before they are able to go down the track at all, then a rain check will be issued for the full amount of the tech card entry. The rain check will be valid up to six months from the date it is issued. Rain Checks for non-qualifiers in Quick 16 will be available on the same day. If a driver's car breaks during eliminations, that driver may not continue eliminations in another car, and there will be no refund available.

## ❖STAGING & AUTO-START SYSTEM

Once a car reaches the front of the staging lanes for a run, it must be prepared to fire and race. Deep staging is prohibited in all classes, except Jr. Dragster. The blue light system monitors the tree and will give an automatic red light when a car is deep staged. The final staging motion, using applied power, must be in a forward motion going from pre-stage to the stage position. Deep staging is not allowed and courtesy staging will be enforced. Texas Motorplex will utilize the Compulink Autostart System for all Texas Motorplex drag racing events. A vehicle will be considered staged after .06 seconds. After the pre-stage and stage bulbs are fully lit for one vehicle, the second vehicle will then have 10 seconds to complete staging before timing out. Vehicles that do not stage before the time out will receive an automatic red light. Drivers will have only ONE opportunity to stage correctly. Once the vehicle is staged, rolls-through (either forward or backward) will result in automatic disqualification.

## ❖TECHNICAL PROTEST PROCEDURES

Any participant wishing to protest another participant will be allowed to do so under the following guidelines: Drivers must be registered for the Texas Motorplex Bracket Series points. A formal protest must be filed with the Competition Director prior to the start of eliminations and a \$300 cash protest fee will be required. The vehicle being protested will be taken to a secured area where Texas Motorplex officials will evaluate the car, accompanied only by the driver of the protested vehicle. If the vehicle is found to be non-compliant with Texas Motorplex rules, the driver will be eliminated from competition that day, and will forfeit entry fees and all points accumulated for the season. The driver can also become ineligible to compete at Texas Motorplex events for the remainder of the season, or a period of time as determined by race officials. If the vehicle is found to be non-compliant, the protest fee, minus a \$100 technical department expense, will be refunded to the driver filing the protest. If the vehicle is found to be in compliance with Texas Motorplex rules, the protest fee, minus a \$100 technical department expense will be forfeited to the owner of the protested vehicle. Texas Motorplex officials may protest a car and/or require a full technical inspection at any time during any event at no charge.

## ❖PIT SPEED LIMIT

The 10-mph pit speed limit will be strictly enforced. The only areas of the facility that are excluded from this speed limit are the race track and return road.

## ❖PARTICIPANT CONDUCT

All participants, which include but are not limited to drivers, car owners, crew members, friends, family and spectators, are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and non-disruptive manner at all times. Drivers must be aware that they are responsible for the conduct of any person associated with their race team, regardless of age or class of competition. Any disciplinary action that must be taken will involve the driver of any car with whom the offender(s) are associated. Any participant who, in the judgment of the Competition Director 1) verbally or physically threatens another participant, or other person, 2) uses vulgar or derogatory language, 3) engages in unsportsmanlike conduct or conduct detrimental to the sport of racing, or 4) otherwise creates a condition or circumstance that is unsafe, unfair, or out of order, shall have violated the rules and regulations of Texas Motorplex and the NHRA. Failure to comply with the participant conduct rules and regulations can and will result in competition privileges being revoked, and/or suspension from future events at Texas Motorplex or other NHRA sanctioned events.

## ❖SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

Texas Motorplex will not tolerate the use of controlled substances or alcohol by any individual wishing to participate in any event taking place at the facility. Any participant suspected of violating the NHRA Substance Abuse Policy will be referred to the NHRA for disciplinary action.

## ❖RELEASE AND WAIVER

Upon entering the facility, each customer must print and sign their name to the insurance waiver and release form. The customer will not be granted entrance should they refuse to properly sign these forms. Any minor (18 or under) who wishes to compete on the track must have a Parental Consent Waiver and Release Form signed by the parents and on file in the tower.

## ❖EXCLUSION OF INFORMATION

This rules and regulations package is verified as being up-to-date and correct at time of printing. Any amendments or rules changes will be noted in the publication of the Texas Motorplex Racer e-Newsletter. Racers are advised to keep up with any changes to these rules. Texas Motorplex assumes no liability for the correctness of this package after rules revisions have been made. It will be any racer's responsibility to be familiar with any and all rules changes, revisions, updates, clarifications and amendments. Texas Motorplex thanks you for your cooperation and participation.

### Texas Motorplex General Information

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