



## 2017/2018 PRE-SEASON NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 2017/2018 drag racing season at Meremere Dragway. This season we look to continue the sequence of events that made 2016/2017 a good summer. The ever popular Night Speed Drag Wars series returns, the Meremere competition series returns with 5 rounds. The NZ Hot Rod Magazine Pro Nostalgia class is no longer a class due to insufficient racers last season, racers can either slot into the comp brackets or into Super Sedan if eligible.

The Night Speed Drag Wars Championships returns with a six round point score series. Night Speed Drag Wars kicks off on November 3<sup>rd</sup> with the usual Guy Fawkes bang. As with the previous season, double points are up for grabs at NSDW 2 and at NSDW 6. These events are a great chance for any enthusiast with a Street Legal car or bike to have a blat and see how good the old girl goes. Please see [http://dragway.co.nz/events/C10\\_Drag\\_Wars.html](http://dragway.co.nz/events/C10_Drag_Wars.html) for full class details and rules of racing.

The Meremere Point Score Series will run over five competition meetings. As per previous seasons, the classes for these meetings will not follow the National Series format. To ensure fuller fields of racing, all Competition vehicles will qualify together and will be split into classes of eight quickest to slowest. The quickest eight cars in qualifying will make up the Top Comp Bracket, the second eight quickest will make up the Pro Comp bracket and so on to Super Comp and Comp. All Comp classes will run a DYO format, 0.4 Pro Tree on a Sportsman Ladder i.e., Qual 1 races Qual 5, Qual 2 races Qual 6, Qual 3 races Qual 7 and Qual 4 races Qual 8. Competition Bike will also run on a Sportsman Ladder format.

The qualifying sessions will run like the previous season and racers' attention to the qualifying schedule will be necessary for the smooth running of the events. This schedule will be available at the Entry Booth on race day and your attention to Pit PA calls and text messages (during eliminations) will assist you to get into your lanes and onto the track on time. To reduce any congestion in the pits, racers will be called in their potential time brackets over the PA and via text message (eliminations only) – e.g. 9.99+ second cars, 8+ second cars etc. (In qualifying Competition Bike, Super Sedan, Super Street, Modified Bike and Junior Dragster entrants will be called in their brackets as usual). The maximum dial in for any racer in the Comp Classes is 10.99, Super Sedan maximum dial in is 10.99 and Super Street minimum dial in is 11.00. Remember there are only 2 qualifying passes for Competition and Competition Bike racers and anyone attempting to do more passes may face disqualification. At the conclusion of the qualifying session Race Control will publish the overall qualifying positions and the make-up of the day's respective brackets. Pit Control will also have this available. All divisions will need dial-ins prior to commencing their first round of racing. The Racer Return system will continue this season and round losers will be paired and seeded with other round losers to determine the lower placing's. There will be placing's and points for first to eighth.



## EVENTS

October 28<sup>th</sup> / October 29<sup>th</sup> Test & Tune and Meremere Competition Meeting #1  
The first round of the Meremere Dragway Competition Points Score Series with 1.5 points on offer.  
Gate Admission will be \$10 Saturday / \$20 Sunday.  
Saturday: gates open 930am, track opens 11am. Sunday: gates open 8am, race entry opens 8am, track opens 930am.  
Please note there will be separate cost for Test & Tune on this weekend. Please refer to Race format sheet at the end of this document for full costs breakdown. NOTE: No travel money for Test & Tune.

November 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> Test & Tune and Auckland Harley Davidson Spring Nationals  
This is the second round of the IHRA National Series, we will be running a test and tune from 11am on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and have the first round of qualifying starting at 4pm. SATURDAY: One round of non-compulsory qualifying will be run, you will not be permitted to qualify outside your classes allotted time (if you turn up in the pit lanes and the next class is at head of stage, you will not be permitted to run a qualifying pass, practice pass, grudge or shakedown pass). Only one qualifying pass per car. SUNDAY: There will be 2 rounds of qualifying Sunday morning and then into eliminations. See Competition Events Chart. Gate Admission will be \$10 Saturday and \$20 Sunday. Saturday: gates open 930am, track opens 11am. Sunday: gates open 8am, race entry opens 8am, track opens 930am. NOTE: No travel money for Test & Tune.

January 13<sup>th</sup> Meremere Competition Meeting #2 Wellington Invasion  
Round 2 of the Meremere Dragway Competition Points Score Series and round 2 of the Top Alcohol and Top Doorslammer NZ IHRA Points Series (Group 1 points collected at this meeting will count towards the NZ IHRA National Points Series). Gates open at 9am, race entry opens 11am. See Competition Events Chart. Gate Admission will be \$20. The racing formats will be the same as the previous Meremere comp meeting with all Comp Classes (except Comp Bike, Top Alcohol and Top Doorslammer) running DYO. Top Alcohol and Top Doorslammer will run at set intervals and normal racing will be interrupted to allow for Group 1 turnaround times (see Race Schedules on the day).  
*Rain date if Saturday is completely rained out.*

February 3<sup>rd</sup> Meremere Competition Meeting #3 AeroFlow Funny Cars  
Round 3 of the Meremere Dragway Competition Points Score Series will feature the AeroFlow Outlaw Funny Cars. Gates open at 9am, race entry opens 9am and track opens 1030am. See Competition Events Chart. Gate Admission will be \$35. The racing formats will be the same as the two previous Meremere comp meetings with all Comp Classes (excluding Comp Bike) again running DYO. AeroFlow Outlaw Funny Cars will run at set intervals and normal racing will be interrupted to allow for the show (see Race Schedules on the day). Rain date 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

February 24<sup>th</sup> NZ Junior Dragster Champs  
This is a stand-alone meeting for Junior Dragsters only. DYO and Heads Up racing. All proceeds will go to a Charity to be named closer to the date. Free gate admission but bring your gold coins as the crew will be collecting for charity throughout the day.

February 25<sup>th</sup> Meremere Competition Meeting #4  
Round 4 of the Meremere Dragway Competition Points Score Series. Gates open at 8am, race entry opens 830am – 930am, track opens 930am. See Competition Events Chart. Gate Admission will be \$20. The racing formats will be the same as the previous Meremere comp meeting with all Comp Classes again running DYO.

March 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 NZ Nationals  
This is the final event of the NZ IHRA Series and is billed as the biggest event of our season. There will be three rounds of qualifying per class on Saturday and eliminations only on Sunday. We anticipate



a good number of racers vying for National bragging rights and great support from our loyal drag racing fans on the hill! More information about this prestigious event will be published at a later stage but keep this weekend free and bring the sunshine!!!

#### NATIONALS RAIN DAYS:

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March: This weekend has also been booked in for Rain Days if the entire Nationals weekend is a wash out.

April 8<sup>th</sup> Meremere Competition Meeting #5  
Round 5 of the Meremere Dragway Competition Points Score Series, Saturday format running full quarter mile. Gates open at 8am, race entry opens 8am – 930am, track opens 930am. See Competition Events Chart. Gate Admission will be \$20. The racing formats will be the same as the previous Meremere comp meetings with all Comp Classes (excluding Comp Bike) again running DYO.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Sponsors & Crew Fun Day  
This is a popular day for the Sponsors and Crew. All racers that have supported the Meremere Dragway Competition Series are invited to attend with their Sponsors, cast and crew to show them what drag racing is all about. Gate entry \$5, Race Entry \$70 (\$50 for IHRA NZ Membership card). This day is for racers who have raced at the track this season, if you have not raced at one of the above meeting please do not be offended when you are turned away.

May 12<sup>th</sup> Awards Night  
Our prize giving evening will incorporate our winners from the NSDW Champions Series, the Meremere Dragway Competition Series and the IHRA National Track Series. All competitors are welcome to celebrate our annual award winners. Further details will be published closer to the day.

#### VENUE INFORMATION

##### Pit Runners

This season will be the same as last season, we will not be having pit runners, we will be using a system where the racer will get a text advising them when their class is up and when the pairings are put up on the notice board under the Pit tower. The PA will still be used, we do need your cell phone number when you are entering on the day. Please be aware when your class is ready to go out, it is up to the racer to make sure he/she is ready.

##### Pit Area Shelters

No areas are to be chained off at any time during the season. No permanent shelter will be allowed although concrete pads and “easy-ups” are permitted. Ring Meremere Dragway’s office for details.

Waste oil dumps – there are four waste oil dump stations in our facility; two are located in the Top Alcohol pit area, one in the Top Doorslammer pit area and the fourth behind the Pit Tower. Please do not dump your waste oil in our rubbish bins.

##### Pit FM Radio

Again this season we will be broadcasting our Pit FM Radio from the Pit Tower. This is in addition to pit runners and will assist them in trying to advise every one of race day details. Please listen to it as it will assist in the smooth running of the day. You can tune in on 106.8FM.

##### Pit Area Allocation

Carol Phillips will be allocating pit spaces to competitors for the season. Carol can be contacted on 027 260 8452. Please call her prior to the first meeting to let her know whether you will require a pit space this season. Regular racers also need to confirm their pit space requirements.



Due to some confusion regarding pit spaces, Meremere Dragway Management would like to clarify these points: Racers do not own the concrete pads or shelters they use, but own the right to use the concrete pad/shelter when they are racing, If the racer has not raced for 3 years or has not contacted Meremere Dragway Management for 3 years they forfeit their user rights to their pit space and it will be allocated to another racer. Any racer is welcome to concrete their allocated pit space for their use. Please Contact Management if you want to do so. Meremere Dragway management must be consulted prior to any permanent concrete pads being on sold or leased out.

At any private Track Hire it is up to the Promoter to utilise any pit spaces as they see fit.

The trailer park is at the end of the camping area (ex-Vintage Speedway). Please follow the signs.

As space is precious the only vehicles permitted in pit areas are race vehicles along with one tow car and where applicable a vehicle service unit. Please respect your neighbours and stay within the confines of your allocated space.

#### Sponsorship and Signage

If you know anyone who would like to utilise our venue as a method of promotion, please contact us at [meremeredragway@extra.co.nz](mailto:meremeredragway@extra.co.nz) or give the office a call on (09) 238 5564 or 0274 056 060.

#### On Site Accommodation – Light NO fires.

Camping is restricted to racers and crew members and is only to be in designated areas. We kindly ask campers to respect the privacy of others. The venue may be locked on Saturdays before Sunday events so please contact the office (09) 238 5564 or 0274 056 060 to pre-arrange camping. Limited hot showers and power are available for campers. Please light NO fires!

#### Track Preparation

Because Meremere Dragway prepares the race surface the entire day prior to events we are unable to allow vehicles to test during that day. If you have any questions with regard to testing please contact the office on (09) 238 5564 or 0274 056 060.

#### Private Track Hire/Testing

The track is available for private hire/testing. If you would like to know more about this contact the office on (09) 238 5564 or 0274 056 060.

#### COMPETITOR INFORMATION

##### Tech Inspections

Before arriving at Meremere Dragway please ensure your vehicle is tech inspected and your IHRA is up to date. IHRA Tech Inspections and licenses can be done at the track if pre-arranged with your Tech Inspector. A Tech Inspection will cost you \$30.

##### Tech Inspectors

Grant Little	Whangarei	09 435 3278 a/h
Brian Connell	Albany	021 929780
Dave Moyle	West Auckland	09 839 7227
Ray Pratt – Bikes	Auckland	09 308 1633
Karl Fyn – Bikes	Auckland	027 7673712
Trevor Williams	Auckland	021 762 144
Chris Johnston	Pukekohe	0274 782 767
Athol Williams - Bikes	Pokeno	021 278 8369
Darren Selwyn	Hamilton	021 220 6285
Spike Allen – Bikes	Mt Maunganui	021 763 760 / 07 575 0311
Craig Cate	Tauranga	021 183 2703



Colin Welsh	Wellington	04 528 8774
Murray Buckingham	Nelson	03 576 5585
Scott Tolhurst	Christchurch	0276 379565
Andy Walker	Christchurch	021 1702815
Simon Fowke	Christchurch	0274 823264
Earl Nunn – Bikes	Christchurch	022 6918002
Russell Lorimer	Timaru	0274 841644

#### DRIVERS REPS

Top Fuel	Tony Marsh	0274454350
Top Alcohol	Chris Johnston	027 478 2767
Top Door Slammer	Trevor Smith	0274 799 772
Competition	Russel Christoffersen	027 5145164
Top Street	Grant Little	021 2016855
Sport Compact	Neil Carter	021 258 9882
Modified	Neville Smith	027 4357448
Super Sedan	Doron Andersen	021 119 7121
Super Street	Paul Berridge	09 274 0340 WK / 09 276 2425 HM
Comp Bike	Geoff Bond	021 619 024
Mod Bike	Ross Donaldson	021 154 1395
Screaming Eagle	Geoff Bond	021 619 024
Junior Dragster	Adam Lawson	09 420 8892

#### Meremere Dragway Points

The Meremere Dragway Point Score Series will take place at the meetings of 29 October, 13 January, 3 February, 25 February and 8 April. All divisions will be eligible for points in the Meremere Dragway Point Score Series as follows:

Junior Dragster, Super Street, Screaming Eagle, Mod Bike

Super Street, Mod Bike, Junior Dragster and Screaming Eagles will be allocated 50 points for entering.

Ten Points will be allocated to competitors after each round of racing is completed. i.e. a loss in the first round of racing equals 10 points; a loss in the second round equals 20 points, etc. To obtain points racer must have crossed finish line under own power including during Bye runs.

1.5 Points: All divisions will get 1.5 points allocations at the opening meeting (29 October 2017)

#### Top Comp, Pro Comp, Super Comp, Comp Super Sedan, Comp Bike Divisions Points

1. The following points will be allocated in all the listed divisions:

Entry - 50 points

1st	200	2nd	180	3rd	160	4th	140
5th	120	6th	110	7th	100	8th	90

Points per round contested: 50 points each round. Note: to obtain round points, a Racer must have crossed finish line under own power including during Bye runs.

**Allocation: Points are allocated to each vehicle/team but the team may be expanded and the points retained.**

**There will be no transferring of points - can only earn points in that Bracket, e.g. Competition**

2. 1.5 Points: All divisions will get 1.5 points allocations at the opening meeting (30 Oct 2016)

Individual Division Points – Junior Dragster, Super Street, Screaming Eagle, Mod Bike, – unlimited field sizes

The points will be calculated manually as per the previous season. Points will not be transferrable between categories.



Individual Division Points – Super Sedan, – unlimited field sizes

Points will be calculated manually as per the Comp Brackets. Please note – because of dissimilar field sizes all points will be calculated from an 8 car field size i.e. Super Sedan points will only start accumulating once the eight car field size stage (quarter final) has been reached.

Combined Point Score – Top Comp, Pro Comp, Super Comp and Comp 8 car fields – on the day prize money only.

Trophies and certificates will be awarded to the Winners and Runners-Up at the Awards night. Points are transferable between the Competition DYO categories. Accumulated points during the season will count to recognition for these awards. Please note that the maximum DYO you can elect in these brackets is 10.99secs. If your vehicle is unable to run these numbers you will not be eligible and you must run in Super Street or Super Sedan.

Pukekohe Hot Rod Club Top Drag Racer Points

Racers competing in Top Comp, Pro Comp, Super Comp, Comp, Pro Nostalgia, Super Sedan and Comp Bike will be eligible for the PHRC Top Drag Racer Award. Please note – because of dissimilar field sizes all points will be calculated from an 8 car field size i.e. Super Sedan points will only start accumulating once the eight car field size stage (quarter final) has been reached.

Division Sponsors (For Meremere Dragway 5xCompetition Series Only)

Top Drag Racer	Pukekohe Hot Rod Club
Top Comp	AeroFlow
Pro Comp	Segedin Auto Spares
Super Comp	Mount Shop
Comp	Meguiars
Super Sedan	Brian Roberts 1998 Ltd
Super Street	Brian Roberts 1998 Ltd
Competition Bike	Auckland Harley Davidson
Screamin' Eagle	Auckland Harley Davidson
Modified Bike	Scrap Palace
Junior Dragster	Fun Time Food and Amusements

Sponsors

Each competitor racing at a Sponsored event may be required to affix a decal on both sides of the vehicle or bike. Any competitor not displaying the decal may not be eligible for prize money. It is important to remember that with Sponsorship, it allows television coverage which, in turn, benefits both the competitors, Sponsors and the image of New Zealand drag racing as a whole. *Please support our sponsors.*

Travel Vouchers (excludes Test & Tune)

Only competitors who run 10.00 or quicker at the event qualify for travel vouchers. All vehicles must be trailered to the event, run slicks and be tech inspected. Travel vouchers can only be collected and signed for by the Competitor on the day. Junior Dragster and Screamin' Eagle will not be eligible for travel vouchers and Motorcycle competitors will receive half of the following payout.

From the Wellington/Wairarapa area travel vouchers will be \$150. From

Palmerston North/New Plymouth area it is \$90

From Taupo/Whakatane/Whangarei area it is \$60

Please present your time slip to the Travel Voucher co-coordinator in the Main Tower in order to pick up your petrol vouchers – these are to be collected on Race Day. You must collect your travel at the meeting you attend, the office will no longer be issuing travel after the fact, because you **couldn't be bothered picking it up on the day.** All South Island competitors must apply for travel voucher consideration four weeks prior to events. Please call Gary on 0274 056060 for further



information.

## RACE DAY/ENTRY INFORMATION

### Race Entry

For all Racers, the entry booth is at the bottom of the Main Tower and will be open for one hour prior to track opening. Entry procedures are unchanged from last year. Please ensure you have completed the weighing and classifying process and have your competition license and logbook with you *before coming to the entry booth*.

### Medical for vehicles 10:00sec and quicker

All racers with vehicles 10:00sec and quicker now require a medical before the beginning of each season. This must be completed and noted on your license before your first meeting. The medical form for Group 2 & 3 racers can be found on [http://www.ihra.co.nz/forms/nz\\_grp2and3\\_physical.pdf](http://www.ihra.co.nz/forms/nz_grp2and3_physical.pdf) (Group 1 racers will continue to use the existing Group 1 medical form [http://www.ihra.co.nz/forms/medical\\_physical.pdf](http://www.ihra.co.nz/forms/medical_physical.pdf))

### NZDRA Racers

As per every other year NZDRA teched vehicles and racers are always welcome at Meremere Dragway. This season because IHRA NZ have raised the safety standards, all NZDRA teched vehicles need to pass an IHRA Safety Upgrade check before they can come on the track, these can be done at the track or by an IHRA tech inspector before a meeting, a form can be down loaded from this link <http://www.ihra.co.nz/forms.php> If your vehicle does not pass, you will be given a meetings grace to bring your vehicle up to the accepted safety standard.

### Exhaust Turn Downs

Can we have all comp cars that drive back up the return road and through the pits not have their exhaust turned down as it creates a huge amount of dust, the Area Steward will be monitoring vehicles and their speed.

### Racer Costs

Junior Dragster & Teen Championship Racing \$20 or FREE with IHRA NZ membership card  
Super Street, Mod Bike & Screaming Eagles, \$80.00 or \$60 with IHRA NZ membership card.  
Super Sedan & Competition Bike = \$120.00 or \$100.00 with IHRA NZ membership card.  
Competition Classes = \$140.00 or \$120.00 with IHRA NZ membership card.

**There will be NO free gate passes issued with entry this season.**

### Random Breath Testing

The 2015 season saw the introduction of random alcohol breath testing and this will continue throughout the new season. If approached by the assistant Area Steward for a random breath test, you are required to comply. Any refusal will result in immediate disqualification from further racing for that meeting. No refunds of gate or race entry will be applicable in this case. Please note the alcohol limit for racers and crew is 0, if a crew member is under the influence the whole team will be disqualified.

### Quads/Scooters Helmets

All crew/team members that use or are passengers on quads/scooters etc must be a minimum of 12 years old and wear a helmet at all times on the Dragway site. Repeated non-compliance may see your race team removed from racing.



### Entry Booth

All Racers including Teen Championship Racers – your entry booth will be at the bottom of the Main Tower. Entry will be open for one hour prior to the track opening. Please bring your Driver's License, Race License and Log Book with you. Scrutineering will be behind the Main Tower. Please enter before you go to scrutineering.

All Junior Dragster competitors must go with relevant paper work (including Log books) to Race Entry at the base of the Main Tower to enter for the duration of the season. Entry for Juniors will no longer take place in the Pits. Time slips will be collected by the pit runner and distributed in the Junior Dragster pit area.

Note: If an endorsement has been entered in your logbook from the last event attended, please see the IHRA Area Steward to check the fault and have the log book signed off before coming to Entry Booth. Any changes in your health or changes to your vehicle must be declared at Race Entry before the event.

### Licensing

All competitors must hold applicable current licenses prior to race day. A civil driver's license will be accepted for Super Street (slower than 11.00 if WOFd / Reg'd) and Mod Bike (slower than 11.00 if WOFd / Reg'd) on the day at competition meetings.

### License Passes

To eliminate delays in the racing schedule all license passes will occur during qualifying schedules unless otherwise approved by Track Manager / Area Steward.

### Competition Meeting Racer Detail Sheet

Please ensure you complete your personal and vehicle details at time of entry; your best time and speed, all your drag racing highlights and all your sponsors and crew details when you fill in forms this summer. You can download a copy of the racer detail sheet from the Meremere Dragway website by [clicking here](#). In order to keep fans informed at the track, we need to know all about you and your sponsors so please help by filling in the details. You will only need to do this once during the season but the information can be updated. It will be a great help to the announcers! The racer detail sheet also contains legal information concerning insurance and indemnity that you will sign at the beginning of the season and confirm by signing your Scrutineering card at every meeting you attend.

### Scrutineering

There will be no scrutineering for Tech Inspected vehicles. An IHRA Area Steward will however be carrying out random audits throughout the season. All vehicles with a WOF/Rego (>11.00 secs) will continue to be scrutineered at each event.

Your competition number and bracket category is to go on the windscreen of each race vehicle and tow vehicle, as well as the standard side position.

*Important Note: No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from scrutineering, Tech Inspection or audit checks. These checks are intended to assist the competitor with his/her safety and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a spectator or participants. Signing this card means you agree with the indemnity on the racer detail sheet and that all health and vehicle changes have been declared.*





## Race Day Schedule

Race day schedules will be available at entry booth on race day. These are a guideline to racing and should be adhered to in conjunction with any information supplied by Pit Control and the Pit Runners. Every effort will be made by the Meremere crew to stick strictly to the schedule however, any incidents such as weather, oil downs, turn-around times and any other unforeseen circumstances will affect the order of the day. Please assist by ensuring you are in your correct Pit Lane when called. If your class has been called and you are not in the Pit Lanes when they approach Head of Stage, you will be disqualified.

It is of paramount importance that all racers advise out as soon as this becomes apparent so fields can be fully seeded correctly and in a timely manner. *Note: there will be no Alternates*

## ON TRACK

### Tow Vehicles

If you use a tow vehicle please ensure it uses the return road when following race cars down the track. In line with safety regulations, there should be no children or standing passengers on the back of the vehicles. The return road has been widened from the finish line to the Chute Packers shed. When going to tow cars from the braking area do not use the track but continue down the return road. Please be considerate of racers driving back under own power – move over to allow room for them to pass to avoid overheating. The speed limit for all internal roads is 10kmh, please abide by the speed limit as children are well known for popping out of nowhere.

### Chute Pins

As per the rulebook, all chute pins must be removed in the staging lanes. Failure to remove pins before the burnout can lead to disqualification at the Starters discretion.

### Burnouts

Super Street and Super Sedan are prohibited from crossing the start line during the burnout. One warning given during qualifying, disqualification if start line crossed during eliminations.

## STAGING

All vehicles will be called to the staging lanes by the announcer and text message. Once a vehicle reaches the front of the staging lanes for a run, it must be prepared to fire and race as directed by the Starter. Any vehicle not prepared to fire or unable to fire when directed by the starter may be excluded from the race at the starter's discretion.

*We will continue to implement Auto Start this season.*

As is now customary at Meremere Dragway, courtesy staging will be mandatory for all categories. As a reminder, both contestants must activate their pre-stage lights before either may advance into the stage beams. The final staging motion, using applied power, must be in a forward motion, going from pre-stage to stage position. (This is considered a courtesy rule and the Starter has the option of backing out both drivers and re-staging to assure a proper start). The second infringement in one race day will result in DISQUALIFICATION. In the case of Junior Dragster, the Starter will allow one pull back. See track rule below. Disqualification is at the discretion of the Starter.

## COURTESY STAGING

*We will continue to enforce courtesy staging this season.*

Failure to courtesy stage more than once at one race meeting will result in disqualification in eliminations at the discretion of the Starter. Courtesy Staging - Both cars must Pre-stage before either car stages. A vehicle that accidentally lights both bulbs may be allowed to back up (pull back with juniors) and restage correctly if the other Racer is not yet in Pre-Stage or Stage. If the Tree is activated during this process and the Racer has not restaged, he will be eliminated. The amount of time allowed for the second car to stage is predetermined by the Auto start function in the system (refer Meremere Dragway rulebook specific to your class).



#### Over Staging

If you are last in and “over stage” (drive through the lights), the Starter will trigger the Christmas tree and let the other car go. The offending vehicle/driver will be given an automatic red light. You are not permitted to “reverse stage”. Meremere Dragway requests all Competitors to comply with the Track Rules relating to Courtesy Staging as it is a mandatory part of racing at Meremere Dragway.

#### Breakages/Oil Downs

In the event of your vehicle breaking or dropping oil, please ensure that you pull to the SIDE of the track as soon as it is practical and STOP. This will drastically speed up the cleanup operation. If your vehicle requires a nappy or belly pan and one is not fitted and you do oil down the track, this may result in a fine or disqualification at the discretion of the IHRA Steward / MDI Race Director.

#### Antifreeze

All competition vehicle/bikes are prohibited from having antifreeze i.e. glycol, in their vehicle/bike. Violations may result in disqualification/fine at the discretion of the IHRA Steward/MDI Race Director.

#### Passengers

To ensure Meremere Dragway adheres to safety regulations, there should be no passengers in race vehicles without prior arrangement in writing to the Board of Management (excludes Teen Racing). Vehicles given prior dispensation and capable of exceeding 150mph through the finish line must shut down at halftrack. We are passionate about upholding our safety record so please don't abuse the privilege.

#### Time Slips

Please have one crew member uplift time slips. Only Modified Bike, Super Street and Screamin' Eagle competitors may collect these on the return road. Please observe the speed limit of 10kmh as you approach the Main Tower.

#### Dial in and Indexes

They will be displayed on the timing boards and on the new display boards at the Christmas Tree, once a racer goes into pre-stage that means they have accepted the dial in/index and cannot be changed, if the wrong dial in displayed, do not go into stage but get the attention of one of the officials.

#### Sponsors

Please support our Sponsors by using and promoting their products. For details on the supply of products such as VP Race fuels please ring Gary on 0274 056060.

**Have a great season at “the best place to race”.**



NIGHT SPEED DRAG WARS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

[www.dragwars.co.nz](http://www.dragwars.co.nz)

There will be six NSDW events over the drag racing season commencing early November through to mid-March as follows:

Friday 3<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Round 1  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Round 2 **Double Points**  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Round 3  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Round 5 Friday  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 – Round 6  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 – Round 7 Final **Double Points**

Prize money, trophies and certificates will be presented at the Meremere Dragway Prize giving night in 12 May 2018.

#### Race Categories

Each entrant at his or her first event needs to go to Race Entry and complete a racer entry form. All racers must park in the Pits, complete the racer entry form and then line up for scrutineering. On the form you will need to tick a category box depending on the type of vehicle you're entering. The category will also be written on your windscreen driver's side rear window at scrutineering. At subsequent events collect your racer scrutineering card from race entry and take your car directly to scrutineering. Once you have entered, you will have a wrist band put on you and this will be checked at Head of Staging prior to entering the Start line area for each race.

Categories 1,2,3,4 and 6 are for vehicles running 11.00 sec and slower (automatic loss if they run under 11.00 during racing).

- C1 Turbo 4 HEADS UP - 4WD Turbo, Supercharged, NOS, 4 and 6 cylinders, 11sec and slower
- C2 Turbo 2 HEADS UP - 2WD Turbo, Supercharged, NOS, 4, 6 cylinders & Rotary, 11sec and slower
- C3 All Motor & Turbo NA HEADS UP – Naturally aspirated 4, 6 cylinders & Rotary, 11sec and slower
- C4 Quick 8 HEADS UP – All V8s 11seconds and slower
- C5 Motorcycles DYO – Factory stock bikes slower than 10.00 do not need Tech Inspection but do need Drag Racing License if going quicker than 11.00
- C6 Dial-Your-Own Class – All welcome to this DYO class
- C8 King of the Street – Street legal, WOF cars, Mufflers must be fitted running 10.99 seconds or quicker. Heads up racing. Drag Slicks and front runners permitted. Prize money paid at each event, \$300 winner and \$200 runner up. Note: IHRA Drag Racing License and tech inspection required.

**NB: ALL CLASSES MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF FOUR COMPETITORS IN ORDER TO RUN**

#### Category Rule Changes

- If you change your car but remain in the same category you may retain your race number and points.
- If you change your category you must have a new number allocated and your points won't be transferable and a new racer detail sheet must be completed.



#### NSDW Championship Point Series

Meremere Dragway will run a point score series over the six events for the season, with prize money and trophies awarded at the end of the season.

The winners from each night's event however will receive 2 gate entry passes and free race entry to the next NSDW event and Runners up will receive 2 gate entry passes.

Ten points will be allocated to competitors after each round of racing is completed i.e. a loss in the first round of racing equals 10 points; a loss in the second round equals 20 points, etc. Points are not transferable between categories.

All competitors at the NSDW Championship Series Round 2 on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and NSDW Championship Series Round 6 on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 will receive double points.

#### Entry

The cost to race is as follows:

- \$15 Gate entry
- \$30 Race entry, race at every meeting and you will get free race entry at the last event.
- \$45 Total

If a vehicle has two alternating drivers, both drivers licenses must be produced and both drivers must complete a racer entry form and pay to race. Only one racer number and scrutineering card will be allocated to the vehicle.

If you change any details with regard to your vehicle, your address or email, a new racer detail sheet should be completed so that we can update your personal information in our database.

#### Points Update

Meeting information and a point's update will be available on our website [www.dragwars.co.nz](http://www.dragwars.co.nz)

Please ensure you have completed the racer entry form including your email address as we will be in contact with you alerting you to events and changes to our websites via our email database.

#### Noise

To adhere to a restricted noise policy all vehicles must have full road legal mufflers in place and make no more than 95db.

#### Burnout Competition

At the conclusion of the night's racing there will be a Burnout Competition. This is open to all racers who have entered to race at the beginning of the night. There must be 4 entrants to proceed.

#### Scrutineering

No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from scrutineering, Tech Inspection or audit checks. These checks are intended to assist the competitor with his/her own safety and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a spectator or participant.

#### Helmets

All competitors must wear an approved helmet. See the MDI Track Rule Book for further details.



Passengers

Passengers are not permitted at NSDW events.

Venue Information

- Gates open at 5.00pm.
- Racer Entry and Scrutineering from 5.30pm to 8.30pm
- Track opens at 6.30pm, racing till late
- No alcohol, drugs, dogs, fireworks and gang patches permitted – we will now be running Racers random breath testing during the meetings. You are required to comply. Any refusal will result in immediate disqualification from further racing for that meeting. No refunds of gate or race entry will be applicable in this case.

We are on Facebook...check out our Drag Wars page on [Facebook](#) for updates. Alternatively, if you own or have access to an email address, please send it through to [meremeredragway@xtra.co.nz](mailto:meremeredragway@xtra.co.nz) so we can add you to our instant update newsletter list. For more detailed information about Drag Wars especially for first time racers, visit our website [www.dragwars.co.nz](http://www.dragwars.co.nz).

Meremere Dragway welcomes Competitors, Spectators and Sponsors. We look forward to sharing a sensational and exciting season with you.

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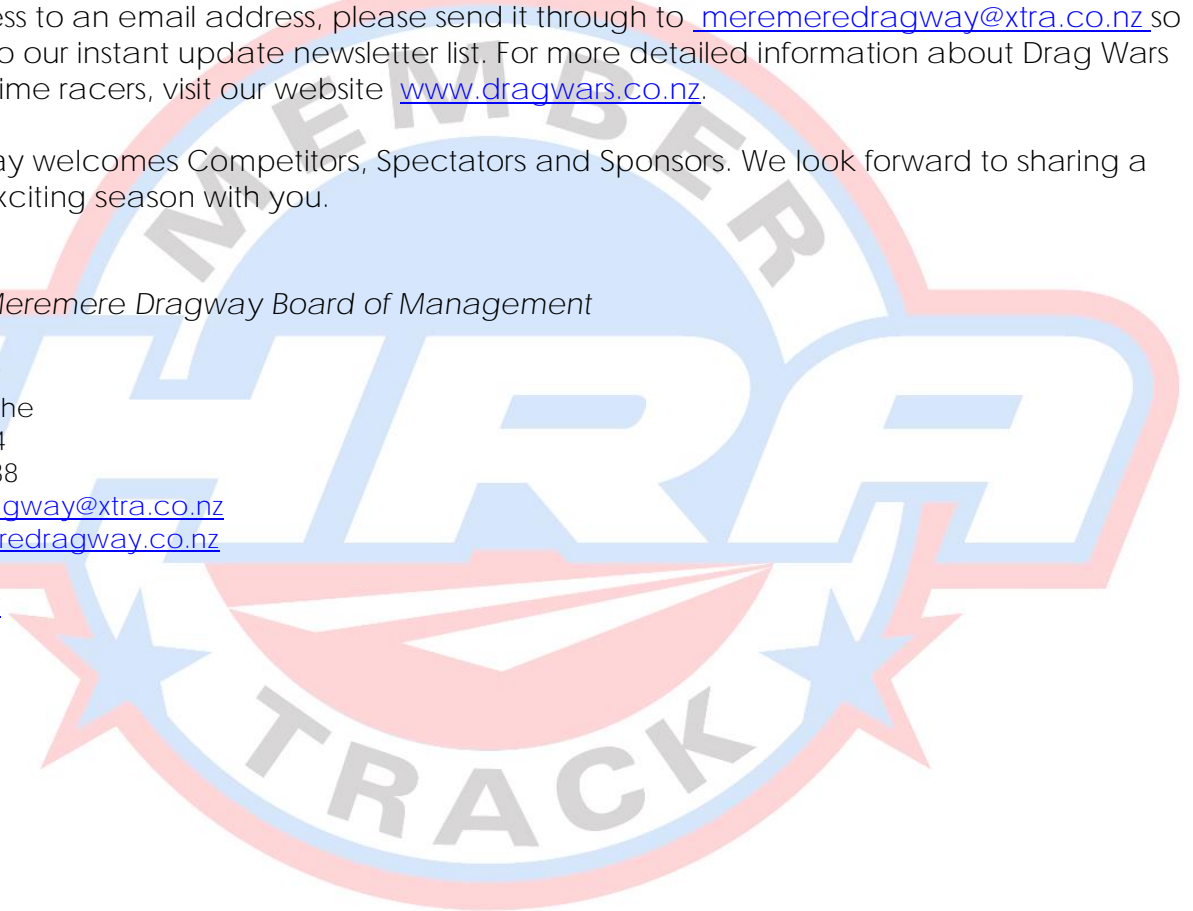
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Date	Day	Meeting	Track Opens	Gate Entry	Brackets	Field Size	Race Entry NON-IHRA	Race Entry with IHRA Membership Card	Prize Money
28-Oct	Sat	Test & Tune	11am	\$10	N/A	N/A			N/A
30-Oct	Sun	COMP 1	930am	\$20	Top Comp, Pro Comp, Super Comp, Comp (brackets determined by qual positions)	Fields of 8 Comp = 16	COMPETITION: \$200 for two days \$140 for one day	COMP & PRO NOSTALGIA: \$170 for two days \$120 for one day	Top Comp = \$1000 Pro Comp = \$750 Super Comp = \$500 Comp = \$300
					Competition Bike	8	COMP BIKE, S/SEDAN: \$180 for two days \$120 for one day	COMP BIKE, S/SEDAN: \$150 for two days \$100 for one day	
					Super Sedan	Unlimited	SCR EAGLE, S/ST & MOD BIKE: \$140 for two days \$80 for one day	SCR EAGLE, S/ST & MOD BIKE: \$110 for two days \$60 for one day	End of season
					Screamin Eagles, Junior Dragster, Super Street/Teen Champs & Modified Bike	Unlimited	JD's & TEEN RACERS: \$30 for two days \$20 for one day	JD's & TEEN RACERS: \$0 for two days \$0 for one day	End of season
18-Nov	Sat	Test & Tune	11am	\$10	N/A	N/A			N/A
19-Nov	Sun	AUCKLAND HARLEY DAVIDSON NZ IHRA SPRING Nationals	930am	\$20	All Rulebook Classes	Rulebook	GROUP 1 & 2: \$200 for two days \$140 for one day	GROUP 1 & 2: \$170 for two days \$120 for one day	Group 1 = \$1500 Group 2&SCO = \$500 Modified&S/Sedan = \$300 S/Street, Mod Bike & Scr Eagles = \$200 J/Dragster = \$100
							GROUP 3 & 4: \$180 for two days \$120 for one day	GROUP 3 & 4: \$150 for two days \$100 for one day	
							SCR EAGLE, S/ST & MOD BIKE: \$140 for two days \$80 for one day	SCR EAGLE, S/ST & MOD BIKE: \$110 for two days \$60 for one day	
							JD's & TEEN RACERS: \$30 for two days \$20 for one day	JD's & TEEN RACERS: \$0 for two days \$0 for one day	
13-Jan	Sat	COMP 2 - WELLINGTON INVASION	11am	\$20	Refer COMP 1 (excl Test & Tune) PLUS GROUP 1 ONLY (TA and TDS) ROUND OF NZ IHRA SERIES				
3-Feb	Sun	COMP 3 - AEROFLOW NITRO FC	1030am	\$35	Refer COMP 1 (excl Test & Tune)				
24-Feb	Sat	JUNIOR DRAGSTER CHAMPS	10am	Gold Coin Donation	Junior Dragsters Only DYO and Heads Up racing	Unlimited	\$10	FREE	Trophies & Certificates Only
25-Feb	Sun	COMP 4	930am	\$20	Refer COMP 1 (excl Test & Tune)				
10-Mar	Sat	2018 NZ IHRA NATIONALS	1030am	Sat \$20 Sun \$25 WKEND PASS: \$40	SATURDAY: Compulsory qualifying for all classes  All Rulebook Classes	Rulebook	GROUP 1 & 2: \$140	GROUP 1 & 2: \$120	Group 1 = \$1500 Group 2&SCO = \$500 Modified&S/Sedan = \$300 S/Street, Mod Bike & Scr Eagles = \$200 J/Dragster = \$100
11-Mar	Sun		930am				GROUP 3 & 4: \$120	GROUP 3 & 4: \$100	
		SCR EAGLE, S/ST & MOD BIKE: \$80		SCR EAGLE, S/ST & MOD BIKE: \$60	JD's & TEEN RACERS: \$20	JD's & TEEN RACERS: FREE			
8-Apr	Sat	COMP 5	12pm	\$20	Refer COMP 1 (excl Test & Tune)				
22-May	Sun	MEREMERE SPONSORS & CREW FUN DAY	930am	\$5	N/A	N/A	\$140 (\$70 if you have supported the Comp Series or NSDW series)	\$120 (\$50 if you have supported the Comp Series or NSDW series)	N/A