



# Sugar City Powerfest

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 1. EVENT SANCTION:** The International Hot Rod Association (IHRA) sanctions Palmyra Dragway as a Drag Racing Facility and the Sugar City Powerfest Event will be conducted under the guidelines and regulations laid down by this association. Any debate as to the interpretation of these rules and regulations shall be determined by IHRA officials and the Meeting Director
- 2. ENTRIES:** All entries are to be completed manually and emailed to [jaksperformance@bigpond.com](mailto:jaksperformance@bigpond.com)  
There are no online entries for this event.
- 3. ENTRY FEES:** Entry fees are payable immediately upon submission of entry forms via bank transfer to the details listed on the entry form. Failure to pay promptly may result in late nomination fees or cancellation of your nomination.
- 4. ENTRY CLOSING DATE:** Pre-entries close on 26th of August, 2022 after which Late Entry fees apply.
- 5. LATE ENTRIES:** A \$100 late entry fee applies after midnight on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August, 2022 and late entries will close on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2022.
- 6. LAST MINUTE ENTRIES:** Entries after midnight on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 and on the day may be possible but will be dependent on entrant numbers. These will only be at the promoters discretion and there is no guarantee that you will be able to compete/enter if entering at this late stage. Entries accepted after this date will incur a \$150 late fee in addition to Entrant costs.
- 7. ENTRY REFUND POLICY:** Any entrant that is unable to attend the event or decides to withdraw their nomination can do so up until the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2022, by applying in writing to [jaksperformance@bigpond.com](mailto:jaksperformance@bigpond.com) and will receive a refund of their entrant fees minus a \$55 administration fee. In the unfortunate circumstances that the event is unable to proceed on its' set date due to the current Covid-19 pandemic all prepaid entrant fees will be refunded in full. You will have the option to carry over your entry if the event is postponed to a later date.
- 8. TRADE STAND/FOOD STALL/COMPETITOR GATE OPEN TIMES:** Gates will be open to competitors and vendors only from the below times:  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2022  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022 from 10am  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 from 7am  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 from 7am
- 9. COMPETITOR GATE PROCEDURES:** All pre-entries for the event will have their event tickets available for collection at the gate This will include entry to the event for the driver only. Competitors will be given a ticket which is to be presented at the scrutineering shed when signing-in and undertaking scrutineering. A competitor armband will then be issued by officials once scrutineering has been completed.

10. **CREW GATE PROCEDURES:** All crew will pay for weekend spectator passes when presenting at the gate unless tickets have been pre-purchased from the Palmyra Dragway website only. **BE AWARE OF SCAMMERS.** Pit crew must present to scrutineering with the competitor to sign relevant indemnity forms and to receive an armband allowing track access. No armband no access to the track will be allowed.
11. **DRIVERS BRIEF:** A driver's brief will be held each day for each of the driving events, 15 mins prior to commencement of each event at the head of the drag strip start line, or at the burnout pad (check event schedule for times). All entrants and crew must attend the briefs. No engines are to be started during the briefing sessions.
12. **COMPETITOR, CREW AND OFFICIALS INDEMNITY:** All entrants, crew, officials and all persons with access to Restricted Areas are required to sign an indemnity form at the scrutineering shed prior to competition, and must wear the relevant armband at all times for the duration of the event. Restricted Areas include the drag strip staging lanes and start line area, the drag racing strip and braking areas, return road and burnout pad.
13. **PADDOCK AREAS:** Due to Insurance reasons all drag strips will now be introducing the term Paddock Area instead of Pit area. Paddock area is an international terminology that refers to the area where you park and work on your vehicle between runs. Competitors must use areas allocated for their particular bracket, to assist their officials in assembling brackets. **ALL TRAILERS** (except Workshop) types, excess vehicles and trucks must be parked in the trailer parking area.
14. **PADDOCK AREA ALLOCATIONS:** Allocation of paddock areas is at the discretion of event organisers. All entrants will be allocated at a minimum 7.5m wide x 8m deep space and you must ensure that your vehicle, trailer and all camping equipment is contained within your allocated area. There will be a designated area for parking trailers that are not of the workshop/enclosed type. Anyone with large transporters please contact event organisers to make additional arrangements. There will be separate areas allocated for Drag Racing and Burnout competitors to limit the risk of debris causing damage to racing tyres through the duration of the event. Please follow all venue signage.
15. **TOW VEHICLES:** All persons in tow vehicles must remain inside the confines of the vehicle while moving. Standing up in the rear of utilities, trucks and other like vehicles is not permitted. Competitors are requested to limit the number of people in the tow car. The return road is two-way traffic. Vehicles must keep to the left and give right of way to any vehicle either under power or being towed that is returning from deep end of the track
16. There are to be **NO SCOOTERS** (electric or push) or Pit Bikes to be used in the venue. Quad Bikes and Motorbikes used for towing etc drivers must have helmets on when in use and driver must hold a provisional drivers licence at a minimum and follow venue speed limits.
17. **VENUE SPEED LIMIT:** A 5 kph speed limit is applicable in the paddock areas and 20 kmh on the return road. These limits are in place at all times, including after racing hours. Any competitor or their crew found exceeding the speed limits may be excluded from the event.
18. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/GLASS:** Palmyra Dragway is a licensed venue and therefore the consumption of alcohol is only permitted in the licensed spectator areas during the running of the event. There is to be absolutely no consumption of alcohol in the pit areas whilst any driving events are taking place. As **SUGAR CITY POWERFEST** is a continuous 3-day event which does not finish until the gates close on Sunday night, **BYO alcohol is NOT permitted** to be brought into the event at any time. Vehicles will be checked upon entry and security and event staff will be patrolling the event grounds. If found it will be confiscated and will be available for collection at the conclusion of the event. Also, no glass containers (stubbies, bottles, jars etc) are permitted in the pit area at any time.

19. TRACK FM RADIO: The track's FM radio broadcast is located on 89FM. The Track Radio (89FM) is used for broadcast of various information during an event.
20. CURFEW: Race Engines must not be started before 7am or after 10pm. Campers must be mindful of others including our near neighbours, and must not make any other excessive noise outside of these hours.
21. ANIMALS/PETS: Other than registered Guide Dogs accompanying a disabled person, no animals/pets are permitted within the grounds of Palmyra Dragway on any race day or motor sporting type event. Both the animal and the animal handler/owner will be subject to immediate removal from the venue.
22. VEHICLE REMOVAL: Any vehicle incorrectly parked may be removed by Palmyra Dragway. No responsibility will be accepted by Palmyra Dragway for any damage incurred while removing an incorrectly parked vehicle.
23. POWER & POWER CORDS: There is extremely limited power available at track. Bring your own generator for power. QLD's Occupational Health and Safety regulations require that all power cords in "traffic areas" cannot be run across the ground or across road- ways unless they are protected by Australian Safety Standard covers. All power leads and electrical tools must bear a current approval tag. Leads and tools not complying with the above will be disconnected and removed immediately.
24. FIRES: There are to be no fires in any pit areas for the duration of the event. Due to the condensed nature of the venue and the amount of fuels etc. stored in competitors pit areas this would pose an unacceptable level of risk to event organisers.
25. WASTE OIL: All Waste oil must be contained and removed from the venue.  
**DO NOT DISPOSE OF ANY WASTE OIL IN BINS ON SITE!**
26. VEHICLE APPEARANCE: All vehicles are required to be of neat appearance.
27. EVENT SCHEDULE: Palmyra Dragway and Sugar City Powerfest event organisers reserve the right to amend the event schedule as required.

Event organisers also reserve the right to combine brackets and redistribute prizemoney, if insufficient competitor numbers exist. A minimum of 8 entries are required for a bracket to be run unless noted otherwise

28. PRIZEMONEY/TROPHIES: Prize money where applicable, will be paid by way of cash payment after the event at presentations. If the competitor is not available at presentations to collect their prize, prizemoney will be sent via bank transfer and trophies will be posted within 5 business days of the event. Additional postage charges will be incurred for trophies not collected at the event. Prize winners are reminded to check their emails for correspondence about this following the event.
29. HEALTH AND SAFETY: All Competitors have a duty of care to their crew members, other competitors, and the general public, to identify and take measures to eliminate or control hazards or hazardous procedures within their allocated pit space and in any areas where their vehicle may be worked upon, driven or towed. Competitors are required to train, supervise and consult with their crew members in order to eliminate or control risks resulting from such hazards.

All competitors, crew and associates must observe and obey all safety related directions and Occupational Health and Safety requirements that may be given to the competitor, their crew members and associates by the management of Palmyra Dragway or its authorised representatives. Failure to act in accordance with such instructions may result in disqualification.

30. DUTY OF CARE – STATEMENT: It is Palmyra Dragway's duty to advise you:

That motor racing can be dangerous; your equipment could be damaged or destroyed; and you may suffer serious personal injury or worse.

If there is any aspect of an event that causes you concern for your personal safety or for that of any member of your crew, whether that concern be with the track, the venue or the manner in which the meeting is being conducted, it is your obligation to bring those concerns to the attention of the Meeting Director or authorised representative. If after doing this those concerns are not addressed to your satisfaction, you are advised to withdraw from the event. It is important that you understand your obligations and rights in this regard.

It is Palmyra Dragway's duty to advise you that at any time during this event that random drug and or alcohol testing may take place. **If you have any doubts as to your ability to pass such a test with a negative or zero reading you should withdraw from any driving events IMMEDIATELY.**

27. SOCIAL MEDIA: Palmyra Dragway and Sugar City Powerfest Event organisers encourage participation in online social media, in a positive manner with freedom of expression. The accessible nature of the Internet however, can lend itself to the posting of threatening and derogatory comments/material in the heat of the moment. Once your thoughts and comments are published to the Internet they are visible to the world - and they are permanent.

Palmyra Dragway and Sugar City Powerfest Event organisers, take all cases of threatening and derogatory behaviour seriously and will treat online matters as it would 'real world' bullying. Instances of posts not in the best interests of the venue/event will be dealt with in an appropriate manner. Serious consequences including a loss of competitor privileges may be enforced for those who participate in bringing Palmyra Dragway and Sugar City Powerfest Event organisers and its participants into disrepute.

28. COMPETITOR MERCHANDISE SALES: Competitors and/or Teams are permitted to sell Driver and Team specific apparel and merchandise at Palmyra Dragway and the Sugar City Powerfest Event on the following conditions;

- All products, posters, apparel and merchandise must feature that racer's name and/or team name and/or car identification.
- Sales of Team merchandise must be conducted within the allocated paddock area.
- Strictly no "commercial" promotional or product giveaways are permitted unless approved by Palmyra Dragway and Sugar City Powerfest Event organisers prior to the event.

Should a Competitor or Team wish to market merchandise in variance to this policy this can only be facilitated through a commercial trade site under the applicable costs, terms and conditions.

Palmyra Dragway and Sugar City Powerfest Event organisers reserves the right to order the withdrawal from sale or display any item or product it considers offensive or inappropriate or violates State or Federal laws.

30. **COMPETITOR SPONSOR EXPOSURE:** Within the designated paddock area, Competitors and/or Teams are permitted to display Team and sponsor signage, banners, flags and relevant promotional material. However the distribution or sampling of any products is not permitted without approval.

The use of promotional personnel is permitted within the Team's designated paddock area and when the vehicle on track. However, Team promotional personnel are not permitted to walk through the venue distributing material or undertaking any promotional activities unless approved by Palmyra Dragway and Sugar City Powerfest Event organisers.

31. **SPONSOR GRAPHICS / ADVERTISING RESTRICTIONS:** Palmyra Dragway and Sugar City Powerfest Event organisers reserves the right to regulate any advertising or other material appearing on any participant and on the body of any vehicle or transporter participating at Palmyra Dragway and the Sugar City Powerfest Event. Participants and vehicles may be excluded from competition and from event facilities if, in Palmyra Dragway and Sugar City Powerfest Event organisers absolute discretion, any advertising or other material displayed on a person, race or support vehicle, or in a pit area or otherwise is not in the best interests of Palmyra Dragway and Sugar City Powerfest Event organisers and the sports of Drag Racing and Burnout Competitions generally. All advertising, signage and graphic be suitable for exposure to children attending this event at Palmyra Dragway

## **DRAG RACING-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS**

32. **ENTRANT REGISTRATION:**

- All drivers must hold an Australian provisional or full civil drivers' licence (or provide proof that they have previously held a provisional or full civil drivers licence), or the relevant IHRA licence as laid out in class requirements. You will be required to hold an IHRA event licence no matter how fast or slow your vehicle is.
- All drivers must complete relevant Event entry and indemnity forms before competing
- Any driver under 18-years of age must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian and their entry form must be accompanied by a Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement of Risk including Waiver, Release and Indemnity which must be completed and signed by the parent/legal guardian in the presence of, and be witnessed by, a registration official
- Parents/Guardians must present photo identification
- **Note:** A legal guardian must be either a parent or a court-appointed guardian. Siblings, friends or neighbours will not be accepted as guardians unless court documents can be provided as evidence
- **Note: Random Drug and Alcohol testing WILL be conducted on all drivers and crew.**

33. **RACER START LINE CREW:** Only Crew that are eligible for the specific classes are permitted to be in the start line area during the pre-race and race of the team's vehicle. All crew should vacate the area immediately after the race.

34. **RESTRICTED AREA:** The restricted area is defined as: The entire racetrack bounded by the spectator fences and includes the line-marked staging lanes.

The restricted area can only be accessed by racers, crew and officials who have signed the indemnity and are authorised to do so.

34. **ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS ON TRACK:** All crew members and related family and/or friends must not approach the scene of an on-track accident or incident until approved by the track safety crew and officials. Failure to do so or the interference with the track safety staff or officials will result in suspension of racing privileges

36. **CREW, OFFICIALS APPEARANCE:** Only personnel in uniform of neat appearance will be permitted to be in the start line area. Minimum dress standards for crew/officials are sleeved shirt, shorts/skirt and enclosed footwear.

37. **SCRUTINEERING:** Palmyra Dragway run under the IHRA Competitor Audit Declaration system, this is relevant to all Drag Racing competitors, those who hold IHRA Licence and tech inspection are required to bring the completed CAD form to the scrutineering shed along with helmet and licence & log book. Palmyra Drag Racing Club will randomly audit 10% of the field and those will be required to bring vehicles/bikes along to scrutineering shed for inspection. 100% of day licence/event licence or non tech inspected vehicles/bikes will be required to go through the scrutineering shed as per times nominated in schedule. 100% of Burnout vehicles will be audited and required to take vehicles through scrutineering shed as per times nominated in schedule.

Palmyra Dragway makes no representation, warranties or assurances that an Audit Inspection including the review of any written information will:

- a) Detect any problem with a race vehicle or a driver/rider's personal equipment or clothing.
- b) Detect any problem with rule compliance.
- c) Prevent injury, death or property damage.

The competitor bears the ultimate responsibility at all times, to ensure the safety of their race vehicle and to ensure that they comply with all applicable rules and regulations.

Any competitor with a current technical inspection, will have audit forms included with their paperwork at the gate. If you do not receive an CAD form you will be required to present your vehicle at scrutineering. All other competitors must present with their vehicle at scrutineering. ALL vehicles reporting to scrutineering must be race ready, with appropriate credentials, helmets, fire suits, parachutes and any other equipment as required under their IHRA regulations, those with chutes must be prepared to deploy it at Scrutineering. All competitors are required to complete the scrutineering process.

38. **COOLANT IN RACE CARS:** The use of Glycol based coolants in purpose built race cars is prohibited.

Genuine street driven vehicles are exempt if they use the vehicle manufacturer's recommended coolant.

39. **STAGING LANE ALLOCATION:** Staging Lane officials and/or Bracket Marshals will advise staging lane allocations during the event.

40. **BURNOUTS:** Water Burnouts/Static Burnouts on the concrete pads ONLY. No vehicle is to be touched during the burnout. As this event is a "Radial Style" event you are definitely not allowed to burn out across the start line as this compromises the preparation of the racing surface.

41. **IN THE HANDS OF THE STARTER:** A reasonable amount of time will be allowed to prepare for the vehicle starting procedure, however failure to start or stalling a vehicle that needs outside assistance to re-start will result in the loss of that qualifier or disqualification in the case of eliminations. Once a vehicle has entered the burnout pad it is deemed to be in the hands of the starter.

42. **STAGING/SANDBAGGING:** "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. In order to be a legitimate race winner, a contestant's vehicle must start, stage under its own engine power and receive the start. This rule also applies to single runs. A reasonable amount of time will be allowed for drivers or riders to stage, with that determination being at the sole and absolute discretion of the Starter. Failure to stage upon the starter's instructions is possible grounds for disqualification. If a competitor has failed to stage within twenty

seconds of his or her opponent being permitted to do so, then that competitor may be adjudged to be “sandbagging”, and the starter may initiate the starting sequence, at his/her discretion. The non-staged competitor is disqualified, and no further penalty shall be exacted. The application or use of any device, apart from visual observation of track equipment, that permits the driver to gauge the position of the vehicle in relation to the start line, or independently initiates the start, is prohibited. All staging must be carried out in a forward direction, reverse staging will result in disqualification.

43. BRAKING AREA/RETURN ROAD: It is the responsibility of the competitors to clear the braking area in the shortest possible time. All vehicles should endeavour to turn left into the pick-up area before stopping. LANE 2 (Spectator side) must give way to LANE 1 (Tower side), no stopping on track. Vehicles with mechanical damage should move to the return road area prior to inspection to allow meeting to continue. If during the race you think your car has broken and might be leaking fluid onto the Race Surface, please move off the racing line to the sides of the track immediately and stop when safe to do so to minimise the loss of time due to oil downs or track damage.... Full lights can be used in the holding area on track. Park Lights ONLY to be used on the return road.

## **BURNOUTS AND POWERSKID-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS**

44. ENTRANT REGISTRATION:

- All drivers must hold an Australian provisional or full civil drivers licence (or provide proof that they have previously held a provisional or full civil drivers licence)
- All drivers must complete relevant Event entry and indemnity forms before competing
- Any driver under 18-years of age must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian and their entry form must be accompanied by a Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement of Risk including Waiver, Release and Indemnity which must be completed and signed by the parent/legal guardian in the presence of, and be witnessed by, a registration official
- Parents/Guardians must present photo identification
- **Note:** A legal guardian must be either a parent or a court-appointed guardian. Siblings, friends or neighbours will not be accepted as guardians unless court documents can be provided as evidence
- **Note: Random Drug and Alcohol testing WILL be conducted on all drivers and crew.**

45. DRIVING STANDARDS:

- Burnouts must be contained within the confines of the Burnout Pad only
- Burnouts must not continue onto – or be conducted on – the entry or exit road areas
- No vehicle is to be placed against a safety wall in order to perform a static burnout
- Drivers must stop immediately when directed to do so by a fire marshal or official
- Drivers must always remain wholly within the vehicle and at the controls while the engine is running
- All relevant Palmyra Dragway Track Regulations apply.

46. Burnouts and/or Powerskid entrants who are not drag racing will have their vehicles checked for the following:

- Vehicles to be of neat and tidy appearance.
- Brakes and steering to be fully functional.
- Automatics must have an operational neutral safety switch.
- No major oil leaks.
- Minimum 600ml coolant overflow tank/bottle.
- Minimum lap sash seat belt.
- Seats to be in good supportive condition and have all mounting bolts fitted.
- No liquid to run through cabin area unless fully enclosed in steel housing approved by scrutineers.
- Battery to be secured (recommended to have an isolation switch).

- Recommended to have transmission shield or blanket.
- Bonnets may be removed if fitted with an electric fan; bonnet must be in place if fitted with a mechanical fan.
- Fuel cells/tanks and battery must be isolated from cabin area.
- Nothing to be sprayed on or placed on tyres.
- Modified floor pan/fire wall and tunnel to be inspected by scrutineers for approval.
- Tail shaft loop with 360 degrees of enclosure, steel construction minimum 3mm thickness and 50mm width and installed within 150mm from front universal joint.
- Tyres must be road worthy; bald tyres will not be permitted.
- Wheel nuts must be standard open nuts; mag wheel nuts not permitted on steel rims; all wheel weights must be removed.
- No changes to be made after the vehicle has been scrutineered unless vehicle is to be checked again.

#### ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE (BLOWN, TURBO) VEHICLES

- Blower Belt guard.
- Harmonic balancer meeting SFI 18.1 requirements.
- Mechanical fuel injection must have fuel shut off to be operational from driver's compartment.
- Manual transmissions are highly recommended to have a clutch shield.

#### EVENT JUDGING CRITERIA

##### 47. JUDGING BURNOUTS

You will be judged on the following criteria:

Instant Smoke – 10 points  
 Constant Smoke – 20 points  
 Volume of Smoke – 20 points  
 Driving Skill – 50 points  
Total out of 100 points

You will receive a deduction of 10 points for the following in each instance:

Reversing  
 Stopping  
 Stalling  
 Contacting a wall or barrier  
 Large Fire (Needing to be extinguished by fire crew) Judging ends at this point  
 Failing to drive off the pad under your own power

Failure to pop tyres is a 5-point deduction per tyre.

Time penalties: Competitors will be judged on the basis of a minimum burnout period of one minute (60secs) with an overall time limit of 2 minutes. If a tyre blows before the 60 second mark a deduction of 10 points for each 5sec interval less than one minute will apply until a 40sec threshold is reached (max 40 point deduction).

Any burnout less than 40sec will result in a DNF classification.

Judging ceases once the red lights have been illuminated on the burnout pad or when the tyres are blown except for driving off the pad.



Car may be assisted off of any debris under the car, but it must still drive under its own power. Broken cars can NOT be pushed off, only the DRIVER may assist his/her car from the driver's door.

No points will be lost for reversing after the tyres are blown unless the car is stuck against the wall at the time the tyres blow.

Points will not be lost for fires after the tyres are blown, or during a burnout unless you are asked to stop because of the fire.

#### 48. JUDGING POWERSKIDS

Powerskids are not only judged on distance, but also volume of smoke. A car that has good continuity of smoke will be awarded the win over a car that hazes the tyres for a longer distance.

No brakes are to be used to slow the car down during the powerskid. Brakes are permitted at the start only; using brakes at any other time will forfeit your run.

Powerskids are to be straight. Fish tailing or lock to lock across the track to wash of speed will forfeit your run.

During the powerskid session on Sunday, entrants can have as many runs as time permits but you will only be judged on your first 3 attempts to achieve the best powerskid. Tyres must have sufficient tread at the start of each run to ensure control of the vehicle is maintained throughout the Powerskid.

#### 49. JUDGING GENERALLY

Whilst we sympathize with difficult judging outcomes in what is an interpretive sport, Palmyra Dragway and Sugar City Powerfest event organisers will not accept threats, harassment or misbehaviour from competitors to any official or fellow competitor regarding their specific judging concerns during events, or on social media after the event. A Disqualification will occur in these instances.

All judging enquiries are to be made directly to the Meeting Director of the event only. Judge's scores are final, and correspondence will not be entered into. Engaging with judges regarding the scoring of the event by competitors is not allowed. If competitors fail to heed direction regarding not engaging with judges – their burnout will be disqualified AND ANY PRIZE MONEY FORFEITED.