

# NHRA COMPETITION LICENSE DIRECTIONS

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## NEW DRIVER REQUIREMENTS

- Complete Sections 1-3.
- Before Section 4: The applicant will inform the track manager and/or duly authorized track official of intent, and will then arrange for two (2) currently licensed drivers (of equal class or above class or as appointed by the NHRA Division Director) and an authorized track official to observe each test run. Signatures of observers and times must be filled in after each run.
- Section 4: The following tests are required:
  - ✓ All NHRA Level 1-3 License applicants must pass an NHRA physical and present completed original physical examination form to authorized track official before test runs are made.
  - ✓ A special cockpit orientation test ("blindfold" test) will be conducted by licensed driver or track official.
  - ✓ All test runs will be single runs. No side-by-side runs on test sessions. Test runs must be completed at an NHRA Member Track.
  - ✓ Test runs will be required in the following order:
    1. One half-pass      3. One moderate run      5. One full run\*
    2. One moderate run      4. One moderate run      6. One full run\*
  - ✓ Full runs must be representative performance of the category applying for. License applicants must complete the two full runs at or better than the requested classes minimum elapsed-time and mph standard. Additional runs may be required. New drivers in Level 1 or 2 may be asked to make one or two additional single qualifying runs at an NHRA Championship-type event before entering competition.
- After passing the driver test, the applicant will complete the license application form in full then mail it with original physical examination (physical only required for License Levels 1-3) form and original time slips and form of payment to NHRA for processing.

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## LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

- Complete Sections 1-3.
- All NHRA Level 1-3 License Renewal Applicants are required to pass an NHRA physical.
- Section 4: No runs required for on-time renewal. Late renewals over 2-years expired require new driver requirements, SEE ABOVE.
- Submit by mail original license application, original physical (physical only required for License Levels 1-3), & form of payment to NHRA for processing.

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## LEVEL OR TYPE CHANGE REQUIREMENTS

- Complete Sections 1-3.
- Before Section 4: The applicant will inform the track manager and/or duly authorized track official of intent, and will then arrange for two (2) currently licensed drivers (of equal class or above class or as appointed by the NHRA Division Director) and an authorized track official to observe each test run. Signatures of observers and times must be filled in after each run.
- Level upgrade from 5 or 7 to a Level 1, 2, or 3; see "New Driver Requirements". If applicant upgrading from Level 5 or 7 to Level 4 or 6; track official may waive runs 1-3 if continuing competition in same vehicle. \*Contact Division Office for upgrade fees\*
- Section 4: The following tests are required:
  - ✓ All NHRA Level 1-3 License applicants must pass an NHRA physical and present completed original physical examination form to authorized track official before test runs are made.
  - ✓ A special cockpit orientation test ("blindfold" test) will be conducted by licensed driver or track official.
  - ✓ All test runs will be single runs. No side-by-side runs on test sessions. Test runs must be completed at an NHRA Member Track.
  - ✓ Test runs will be required in the following order:
    4. One moderate run      5. One full run\*      6. One full run\*
  - ✓ Full runs must be representative performance of the category applying for. License applicants must complete the two full runs at or better than the requested classes minimum elapsed-time and mph standard. Additional runs may be required. New drivers in Level 1 or 2 may be asked to make one or two additional single qualifying runs at an NHRA Championship-type event before entering competition.
- After passing the driver test; the applicant will complete the license application form in full then mail it with original physical examination (physical only required for License Levels 1-3) form and original time slips and form of payment to NHRA for processing.

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## TRANSFER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- Complete Sections 1-3.
- Section 4: Fill in runs #5 & #6 with two (2) full-pass time slips in class for which you seek a license
  - ✓ Runs must be within the past 12 months at any facility or event. Side-by-side time trials or elimination time slips are accepted.
  - ✓ Validation signatures from one (1) NHRA licensed driver & 1 (one) NHRA Official or NHRA Member Track Authorized Official.  
\*\*If unable to obtain NHRA licensed drivers' signature, contact your respective division office staff prior to submitting application.
  - ✓ Full runs must be representative performance of the category applying for. License applicants must complete the two full runs at or better than the requested classes minimum elapsed-time and mph standard. New drivers in Level 1 or 2 may be asked to make one or two additional single qualifying runs at an NHRA Championship-type event before entering competition.
  - ✓ Copy of current competition license from alternate sanctioning organization.
- After passing the driver test; the applicant will complete the license application form in full then mail it with original physical examination (physical only required for License Levels 1-3) form, copy of current accepted organization's competition license and original time slips and form of payment to NHRA for processing.

*See page 2 for General License Regulations and Requirements.*

# NHRA COMPETITION LICENSE REGULATIONS

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## GENERAL

- 1) All drivers competing in NHRA License Level 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and certain Stk, SS, SST classes as defined by current NHRA rules, with a dial-in of 9.99 or quicker (4.50-6.39 for eighth-mile) or 135 mph or faster (mph excludes motorcycle) are required to have a valid NHRA Competition License and NHRA Membership.
- 2) The minimum age for any professional category applicant is 18 years of age.
- 3) All NHRA Level 1-3 licensed drivers are required to pass an NHRA physical examination every two (2) years. TF and FC require an annual physical. Any matter in this examination, including without limitation any condition or medication may be referred to an NHRA medical consultant for review, and may be cause for rejection.
- 4) Drivers must be in possession of temporary or permanent NHRA License Certificate and NHRA Membership to be eligible for competition in any category that requires an NHRA Competition License.
- 5) NHRA Level 1-3 Competition License & Numbers are issued as a unit and are valid for two years from the date of physical examination; TF or FC are valid for only one year. NHRA Level 4-7 Competition License & Numbers are issued as a unit and are valid for one or two years from the end of the month of processing.
- 6) NHRA Level 5 & 7 license applicants not holding a state or government issued driver's license beyond a learner's permit, will be required to complete license runs 1 thru 6.
- 7) NHRA Level 4-7 license runs may be completed at an eighth-mile track. For a Level 2 or 3 license, runs 1, 2, 3 & 4 can be completed at an eighth-mile track, but runs 5 & 6 must be completed at a quarter-mile track for an unrestricted license. If full runs 5 & 6 are completed on eighth-mile, license will be issued with eighth-mile only restriction.
- 8) Level upgrade from 5 or 7 to a Level 1, 2, or 3; must complete "New Driver Requirements". If applicant upgrading from Level 5 or 7 to Level 4 or 6; track official may waive runs 1-3 if continuing competition in same vehicle.
- 9) Drivers who have not competed or have let their NHRA license expire for a period of two (2) years will have to meet all NEW DRIVER REQUIREMENTS. For professional drivers who have not competed for two years, license will become inactive, three (3) license runs will be required to re-activate; see runs 4, 5 and 6. All license runs must be completed at an NHRA Member Track.
- 10) If any license runs are older than one year, runs 4, 5 and 6 must be re-done and completed at an NHRA Member Track.
- 11) In accordance with the Applicant's Affirmation and Agreement on the front of this document, all drivers are subject to NHRA's rules and regulations in connection with their participation in any NHRA or NHRA member track event. I know the NHRA Rulebook, including amendments, is available to me online.
- 12) Contact division office for explanation of categories or assistance in selecting category(ies) you require

## CLASS ET & MPH STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

Top Fuel	Two ¼-mile runs of 5.20 or quicker & 260 mph or faster Two 1,000' runs of 4.50 or quicker & 240 mph or faster
Funny Car	Two ¼-mile runs of 5.50 or quicker & 250 mph or faster Two 1,000' runs of 4.70 or quicker & 230 mph or faster
Pro Stock	Two ¼ mile runs of 7.40 or quicker & 175 mph or faster
Pro Stock Motorcycle	Two ¼ mile runs of 7.90 or quicker & 165 mph or faster
TAD/TAFC:	Two ¼ -mile runs of 6.20 or quicker & 205 mph or faster
Pro Mod:	Two ¼ -mile runs of 6.90 or quicker & 190 mph or faster
NTF/NFC/SPF:	Two ¼ -mile runs of 6.99 or quicker
TFH	Two ¼ -mile runs of 7.50 or quicker
PFH	Two ¼ -mile runs of 8.30 or quicker
Level 3: AdvET/HU	Two ¼ -mile runs of 7.49 or quicker
Level 3: Comp:	Two ¼ -mile runs of representative of Comp class
TD/TS:	Two ¼ -mile runs 7.99 or quicker
Level 4 & 6:	Two ¼ -mile runs of 9.99 or quicker <b>OR</b> 135 mph or faster

## CLASS ABBREVIATIONS

AdvET	Advanced ET Bracket	PS	Pro Stock
AdvETM	Advanced ET Motorcycle	PSM	Pro Stock Motorcycle
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	SC	Super Comp
Comp	Competition Eliminator	SG	Super Gas
ET	ET Bracket	SM	Snowmobile
ETM	ET Bracket Motorcycle	SPF	Special Fuels
FC	Fuel Funny Car	SS	Super Stock
HU	Heads Up	SST	Super Street
JDRL	Jr Drag Racing League	Stk	Stock Eliminator
JrM	Junior Master	TAD	Top Alcohol Dragster
NFC	Nostalgia Funny Car	TAFC	Top Alcohol Funny Car
NTF	Nostalgia Top Fuel	TD	Top Dragster
PFH	Pro Fuel Harley	TF	Top Fuel
PM	Pro Mod	TFH	Top Fuel Harley

## NHRA LICENSE CODE & CATEGORY BREAKDOWN

	Type A over 125" wheelbase	Type B up to 125" wheelbase	Type C	Type D
<b>Professional</b>				
Level 1	TF	FC	PS	PSM
<b>Pro/Sportsman</b>				
Level 2	TAD, NTF	TAFC, NFC	PM	TFH, PFH
Level 3 <7.49 & Comp/TS/TD	COMP, TD, ADVET	COMP, TD, TS ADVET	HU	ADVETM
Level 4 >135 or 7.50 - 9.99	SC, ET*	SC, SG, SST, SS, STK, *ET, *HU	--	*ETM, *SM, *ATV
Level 5 <135 mph & >10.00	--	SST, SS, STK	--	*ETM, *SM, *ATV
<b>Sportsman</b>				
Level 6 7.50 - 9.99	ET	ET, HU	--	ETM, SM, ATV
Level 7 <135 mph & >10.00	ET	ET	JrM	ETM, SM, ATV

\*\* ET / ETM / SM / ATV are add-on categories only for Level 4/5 license applicants. \*\* If only registering these categories use Sportsman License Application for Level 6/7 License.