

# **2020 TO 2021 JUNIOR DRAG RACING LEAGUE RULE AMENDMENTS**

(THESE RULE AMENDMENTS COVER RULE CHANGES MADE FROM THE  
END OF THE 2020 SEASON UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE 2021 SEASON)

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**JR. DRAGSTER RULES AND REGULATIONS, (1<sup>ST</sup> paragraph) (Page 28)  
(12/3/2020)**

The NHRA Summit Racing Jr. Drag Racing League is a multifaceted program designed to afford youth as young as 5 years old the opportunity to drive in the League and those 6 and older the opportunity to race against their peers in near replicas of the models that the Pros drive. NHRA Jr. drag racing is restricted to competition in half-scale sized dragsters over a maximum distance of an eighth-mile. Competition is designed to be conducted on an e.t. dial-your-own format or a preset index on a heads-up breakout basis. Actual class or age-group breaks may vary from track to track. Contact your local track to see if it participates in the program and if so, for information on class structure. Each track, in its discretion, may set its own age requirements for participation (for example, a track may allow only those 8 and older to participate).

**JR. DRAGSTER RULES AND REGULATIONS, ELECTRICAL: 8, TAILLIGHTS  
(Page 39) (12/3/2020)**

One functioning light mandatory. Must be visible from rear of the car. Taillight must be permanently mounted to the car in a manner that batteries are also secured; tie wraps, wire ties, hose clamps, etc. prohibited. All other lighting (e.g. underglow etc.) may not be illuminated while the vehicle is on the racing surface.

**JR. DRAGSTER RULES AND REGULATIONS, SUPPORT GROUP: 9, DATA  
RECORDERS (Page 40) (12/3/2020)**

~~All data recorders manufactured after Jan. 1, 2006, must be NHRA-accepted.~~ A data recorder may be used to record only engine rpm, engine temperature, exhaust temperature, and jack-shaft sensor data; may not activate or initiate any function of the vehicle. Data recorder may not be activated by the throttle, brake, or other mechanisms, nor by the Christmas Tree, radio transmitter, sensing of wheel speed, inertia, laser device, or transmission of track position. Must be activated by separate switch. Transmission or display of data gathered or processed by data recorder to the driver (during the run) or any remote location is prohibited. Data may be reviewed after the run.

Discovery of a device that displays or transmits "on track"- or "track location"- type data will be grounds for immediate disqualification from event, loss of all points for the season, and suspension from all NHRA Summit Racing Jr. Drag Racing League events for remainder of season. Additional penalties may be imposed at the sole and absolute discretion of NHRA.

**JR. DRAGSTER RULES AND REGULATIONS, SUPPORT GROUP: 9,  
TOWING (Page 40) (12/3/2020)**

A Jr. Dragster is not allowed to be driven under power outside of designated racing areas at any time. Driving of a Jr. Dragster in pit area is strictly prohibited and will subject participant to disciplinary action in the sole and absolute discretion of NHRA. Jr. Dragsters can be towed by either a tow strap or a front-end dolly or a combination of both. No full-size tow vehicles permitted. A Jr.

Dragster may not be pushed by any motorized vehicle. It is mandatory that a fluorescent or brightly colored flag be attached to each Jr. Dragster anytime the vehicle is being towed by a strap or a front-end dolly. Minimum height of the flag is five feet.

When the tow strap only method is being used, the driver must be properly seated in the cockpit in the driving position, not sitting on the roll cage or standing up. The tow strap cannot be attached to the roll cage. A total of two vehicles can be towed in tandem with a strap. No vehicles can be towed side by side using a tow strap.

When the front-end dolly method is being used the front end must be secured and the front wheels must be elevated off the ground. A driver is not required in the cockpit when using the front-end dolly method. Any driver that chooses to be in the cockpit must be properly seated in the cockpit in the driving position, not sitting on the roll cage or standing up. A total of three vehicles can be towed by the vehicle dolly method. A tow strap cannot be used in conjunction with the front-end dolly method when more than one vehicle is attached to the front-end dolly.

When using a combination of the front-end dolly and tow strap methods, a maximum of one vehicle may be attached to a front-end dolly and a maximum of one vehicle may be attached to a tow strap. There must be a driver in the vehicle being towed by the tow strap and they must be properly seated in the driving position, not sitting on the roll cage or standing up. A driver is not required in the cockpit when using the front-end dolly method. Any driver that chooses to be in the cockpit of a vehicle that is being towed by the front-end dolly must be properly seated in the cockpit in the driving position, not sitting on the roll cage or standing up.

~~Anytime a Jr. Dragster is being towed, the driver must be seated in the cockpit. No passengers. No full-size tow vehicles permitted. A fluorescent or brightly colored flag, attached to Jr. Dragster anytime vehicle is towed, mandatory. Minimum height above ground when attached, 5 feet. A Jr. Dragster may not be pushed by any motorized vehicle. Tow strap may not be attached to any portion of the roll cage. A Jr. Dragster may be towed with a front-end dolly as long as the front end is secured and the front wheels are elevated off the ground. A driver is not required in the cockpit when a dolly is used. A maximum of two vehicles can be towed in a side-by-side configuration. One vehicle may be towed on a front-end dolly and another in tandem with a strap.~~

~~When using a tow strap, it cannot be attached to the roll cage, and the driver must be seated in the cockpit. A total of two vehicles can be towed in tandem with a strap; no vehicles can be towed side by side using a tow strap. When a driver is required in the cockpit, he or she must be in the driving position, not sitting on the roll cage or standing up.~~

~~A Jr. Dragster is not allowed to be under power outside of designated racing areas at any time. Driving of Jr. Dragster in pit area strictly prohibited and will subject participant to disciplinary action in the sole and absolute discretion of NHRA.~~

**JR. DRAGSTER RULES AND REGULATIONS, DRIVER: 10, NECK COLLAR/~~HELMET~~ HEAD AND NECK RESTRAINT DEVICE/SYSTEM (Page 42) (12/3/2020)**

FOR TRAINEE, YOUTH, NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED CLASSES:

Beginning June 1, 2020, a head and neck restraint device/system meeting SFI 38.1 is mandatory and must display a valid SFI label. At all times that the driver is in the race vehicle, from the ready line until the vehicle is on the return road, driver must properly utilize an SFI 38.1 head and neck restraint device/system, including connecting the helmet as required for full functionality of the device. The SFI 38.1 head and neck restraint device/system, when connected, must conform to the manufacturer's mounting instructions, and it must be configured, maintained, and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A head and neck restraint device/system may be used with or without an SFI 3.3 neck collar. If the device/system is used without a neck collar, an SFI 3.3 head sock or SFI 3.3 skirted helmet mandatory.

FOR MASTERS CLASS: Neck collar meeting SFI 3.3 Mmandatory. Must be commercially produced neck collar designed for racing. Two different types of collars are commercially available: a full 360-degree "donut" type or a pull-together "horseshoe" type. Modification of the neck collar according to manufacturer's recommendations, to fit helmet and driver's neck/shoulder spacing, permitted. Must be worn as per manufacturer's recommendations.

A head and neck restraint device/system meeting SFI 38.1 is permitted. The device/system must be commercially produced by a manufacturer in the SFI of 38.1 head and neck restraint program. The head and neck restraint device/system, when connected, must conform to the manufacturer's mounting instructions, and it must be configured, maintained, and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

A head and neck restraint device/system may be used with or without a neck collar. If the device/system is used without a neck collar, an SFI 3.3 head sock or SFI 3.3 skirted helmet mandatory.

**JR. DRAGSTER RULES AND REGULATIONS, DRIVER: 10, HELMET (Page 42) (12/3/2020)**

A full-face helmet meeting Snell SA2010, SA2015, [SA2020](#), K2010, K2015, M2010, M2015, [M2020](#), SAH2010, or SFI 24.1/2010, 24.1/2015, 31.1/2010, 31.1/2015, [31.1/2020](#), 41.1/2010, [41.1/2015](#) or [41.1/2015](#) [41.1/2020](#) helmet and shield mandatory. Taping or other modification to the helmet or visor that reduces the driver’s field of vision is prohibited.

**NHRA Helmet Expiration Dates**

Label	Expires	Label	Expires
Snell 2010	1/1/2022	<a href="#">SFI 31.1 and 41.1/2020</a>	<a href="#">1/1/2032</a>
Snell 2015	1/1/2027	SFI 24.1/2010 (JDRL only)	1/1/2022
<a href="#">Snell 2020</a>	<a href="#">1/1/2032</a>	SFI 24.1/2015 (JDRL only)	1/1/2027
SFI 31.1 and 41.1/2010	1/1/2022	<a href="#">SFI 24.1/2020 (JDRL only)</a>	<a href="#">1/1/2032</a>
SFI 31.1 and 41.1/2015	1/1/2027	Snell CMR 2016 (JDRL only)	1/1/2026 <del>8</del>

**JR. COMP, DRIVER: 10, NECK COLLAR/~~HELMET~~ [HEAD AND NECK RESTRAINT DEVICE/SYSTEM](#) (Page 48) (12/3/2020)**

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