

MANDRA

Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Drag Racers' Association

By-Laws and Rules

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MANDRA RULES

All drivers and crew members will be required to display good sportsmanship and appropriate conduct at all events. The intention of this club is to focus on the fun and family orientation of nostalgia drag racing. All members will be required to promote this idea.

No driver enhancing equipment that in any way will affect the reaction time of the driver or the E.T. of the car will be permitted aboard car, including, but not limited to delay boxes, throttle stops.

No Nitrous Oxide Systems will be permitted.

No Electronic Fuel Injection Systems, or electronically controlled mechanical systems will be permitted. Purely mechanical systems manufactured prior to 1980, or replicas thereof will be allowed.

The driver must operate car for the entire pass. No assisting equipment will be allowed, including but not limited to, air shifters, timers, down track timing, or control devices of any sort, etc. **The MSD Grid Ignition Control System will not be allowed in any car in competition.**

The following devices will be allowed; however, the presentation of the car, both on and off the track, must remain nostalgic: trans-brakes, line-locks, shift lights, RPM activated multi-step rev-limiters, most electronic ignition systems. If usage of any or all of these promotes a "bracket car" appearance, they can be ruled illegal on any individual car.

All cars in competition must be 40 years old or older, except purpose built late model front engine dragsters or altered replicating cars in competition prior to 40 years ago.

All cars will be inspected prior to their first participation in competition. The competition committee will serve as inspectors of all potential participants. They will also do routine random inspections of all cars in competition to insure adherence to the rules. Any car found noncompliant will be disqualified for the race. Any points for the event will be voided, and the zero points will be used in the calculations for the season's end champion. Three disqualifications will result in the expulsion from the program, with no refund of fees. A driver may change entries at any time during the season, but a new entry must be inspected prior to competition. Refusal to allow an inspection will be considered grounds for termination of the entry from competition for the season.

Cars will compete based on handicap starting in one class. Other classes will be added when car count requires (ie., junior fuel, supercharged cars, nostalgia super stock, etc.)

14.00 Flat is the slowest E.T. allowed for ¼ mile racing, 9.00 flat is the slowest E.T. allowed for 1/8 mile racing, except for flathead or inline powered legal vehicles.

Other nostalgia appearing cars unable to meet this criteria, including rear engine dragsters, will be considered for approval on an individual basis by the Board of Directors and the Competition Committee.

Only rear engine dragsters with 1970's style chassis, suspension, body style and proportions will be considered.

Trophies/plaques/certificates will be given out at each event to the Winner, Runner-up and Semi-finalists. Trophies/plaques will be awarded at season's end to the top three finishers in points. Event winner decals will be issued at all points races sanctioned by MANDRA.

Four drivers will be randomly picked at the beginning of each event, prior to eliminations commencing, to serve the purpose of resolving any disputes for the particular event. They will serve as three judges and one alternate. All decisions will be final. All decisions will be based on NHRA Rules for E.T. Bracket Class, and the adopted rules of this organization.

A mandatory drivers' meeting will be held at every event prior to first round of eliminations. All drivers must sign in prior to time trials to be eligible for earned, low-reaction time bye run.

Drivers participating in the points program will be given 50 points for attending and participating at each race. The driver will be given an additional 50 points for each round win. To help prevent points ties at the end of year, winner at each event will receive 5 additional points, runner-up will receive 3 additional points and semi-finalists will receive 1 additional point. The points will be tallied and the person with the most points will be named champion. The points computation will be based on the best 70% of all races held (best 7 out of 10).

A driver who competes at all sanctioned points events shall be awarded a free ticket to the MANDRA banquet held in November.

Competition Committee

This committee will inspect all prospective members' race cars to insure the vehicle represents the period prior to 1980. This inspection must be completed prior to it being approved for competition with MANDRA. The committee will also conduct random inspections of all cars competing with MANDRA to insure rules compliance. The committee's decision will be forwarded to the Board of Directors as a recommendation, at which time the Board will issue a final decision.

The guidelines the committee will base its rulings on are as follows: All vehicles in competition should closely resemble the appearance of cars that raced during the period prior to 40 years ago. Reasonable attempts should be made by all participants to prepare their vehicles in such a fashion that would replicate that time period. In that interest, vehicles should retain stock body appearance and components, or direct replacements thereof. Modifications to the car that affect its

appearance, both on and off the track, must be approved. Period correct components and modifications will be automatically approved.

Other modifications will be considered according to the following guideline:

Cars in competition will be limited on the following changes (individually or in combination) if usage is considered to detract from a nostalgic appearance or presentation, either on or off the track:
Transmission Brakes RPM activated multiple step rev-limiters Non-OEM, late model, or otherwise not period correct hood scoops Non-OEM, late model, or otherwise not period correct rear wings or spoilers. Radically altered suspension that severely lowers the stance of the car. Late model aluminum wheels, or extremely large rear tires.

MANDRA BYLAWS

This organization is founded on the idea of promoting nostalgia racing in the mid-Atlantic region. It shall provide a series of races to allow a fun family-oriented atmosphere. No one person shall benefit from the operation of this organization. All awards will be won in an appropriate manner.

This organization shall be governed by a total of seven members, elected for a one-year term, by a majority of members present at a meeting held in early January at a place to be announced. These seven shall be elected to the following positions; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three serving as Board of Directors. All seven will have equal vote in decided matters brought before the board. A majority of the officers or directors in concurrence can make a decision related to the operation of the group. All directors will make decisions in the best interest of the group, and will be held accountable to the same. The board shall appoint members to a "Competition Committee", comprised of active racing participants, and any additional committees as deemed required for the operation of the organization. All committees will report to the board, with notification of all actions handled by said committee.

Revenue for the operation of the organization shall be raised through the levying of annual dues. All expenses shall be paid from these funds. The amounts are as follows; \$50.00 annual dues, due January 1st of each year. The annual dues will not be pro-rated or reduced for any member. There will be an additional \$50.00 annual points racing fee to participate in the racing events. A paid-up member may race at a maximum of 50% of sanctioned events per season without paying this points entrance fee; no points will be earned. Points will begin accruing at the time the points fee is paid. The operator of the entry must be a member of MANDRA, but the car owner does not have to be if he/she is not the operator. Any member wishing to have status as an associate member may do so for an annual fee of \$35.00. Associate members will have voting privileges.

This organization shall sanction and promote a series of races in the mid-Atlantic region. These events will be contested individually. All points earned will be accrued for the purpose of determining the season's end champion. Awards and cash pay outs will be given, according to points standings and to the number of entrants. Amounts and number of awards will be determined by level of participation during the season.

All rules for the racing season will be adopted prior to the season. No rule changes will occur during the season unless approved by a 2/3 majority of participants at any sanctioned event. No elected officer or director shall have any decision-making responsibility related to the rules at any events. All rules interpretation will be handled by selected rules judges, picked for each event.