

TRUE STREET DRAG RACING ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS

I. NAME

The name of the Association shall be the True Street Drag Racing Association (TSDRA). The mailing address will be 122 E. Lincoln St., Sycamore, IL 60178. The Chairman and the Treasurer shall both have possession of keys.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association is to promote, maintain; and improve the sport of drag racing in general.

- A. The Association will promote, schedule, and participate at drag racing events and other fund raising events as directed by the Board of Directors.
- B. The Association will run TSDRA events using National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) rules or International Hot Rod Association (IHRA) as they apply to the various classes, as designated by the track operator.
- C. The Association will work to maximize its position with track owners and operators, specialty equipment suppliers, government agencies, the general public, and all others that it depends upon for support and participation.
- D. The Association will operate on a not-for-profit basis.
- E. The Association will be comprised of sportsman class cars and will provide incentive to build such vehicles.

III. OBJECTIVES

The objective of TSDRA shall be to promote and encourage the hobby and sport of drag racing; to provide a forum wherein the membership may voice their views, discuss mutual problems, take action on matters mutual interest; to provide the membership with a strong cohesive organization to represent them in obtaining the very best facilities and environment within which to conduct their sport or hobby; to encourage and promote automobile and highway safety and the general public welfare; to conduct and maintain activities on its own behalf or contribute to or otherwise assist other organizations and institutions carrying on such activities; to do any and all things or acts necessary or proper in the promotion of the general purposes hereof.

IV. BOARD AND ELECTIONS

- A. The Association will be self-governed by an elected Board of Directors. The Board will consist of a least nine but no more than nineteen positions which include Chairman, Co-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. The Officers of the Association and the duties to be performed by them shall be:
 - I. A Chairman, who shall preside at all membership meetings and the meetings of the Executive committee, shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Association, act as official spokesperson for the Association when authorized by the

Executive Committee, supervise all expenditures, supervise all committees and exercise any and all duties, powers and functions ordinarily incident to the duties of such office.

- II. A Co-Chairman, who shall succeed the Chairman in the event of the latter's resignation or disability, shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President, and shall perform all such duties as may be assigned to him by the President. Co-Chairman will be handling all points turned in by TSDRA members. Co-Chairman, shall keep permanent record of all points earned by the membership of the Association, but shall not be responsible for solicitation of points earned.
 - III. Secretary/Treasurer, who shall make and keep all minutes, records and correspondence of the Association and its Committees, shall maintain a record of memberships and car registrations, who shall be custodian of all the assets of the Association, shall make financial reports to the membership and to the respective Committee when called upon to do so, shall make payments to all bills when properly authorized by the Executive committee, shall collect all fees, assessments and other income and deposits the same in an official depository to be designated by the Executive Committee and to maintain all times an accurate record of all income and disbursements.
- C. The term of office will be two years. Vacancies on the board due to resignation, removal, or other cause will be, filled, by majority vote of the Board of Directors. Such appointment will be for the remainder of the term filled.
 - D. Any director may resign at any time by giving notice to the Board of Directors. Additionally, if a Director is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board, including regularly scheduled meetings and special meetings, the board may at its discretion, replace the Director.
 - E. Election will be held at a general membership meeting scheduled by the Board (usually at the banquet). Notice will be printed on the website the month prior to the meeting date.
 - F. Nominations for a vacant office may be submitted to a Board member either verbally or in writing prior to the election meeting.
 - G. Elections will be conducted by secret written ballot. Only TSDRA members attending the election meeting may participate in voting.
 - H. Election results will be announced by the chairman at the election meeting and on the website following the election meeting.
 - I. In the event of a tie vote, the members of the Board of Directors will vote between the two candidates at the next scheduled Board meeting. Only Board members in attendance at that meeting may cast a vote
 - J. An annual membership fee shall be fixed by the Executive committee and shall be payable via the terms listed on the membership form. New racers/general members may join the association at any time during the season as long as the set membership fee has been paid, which is listed on the membership form. In addition, the Executive committee shall fix

such membership fees and special assessments as maybe necessary for the existence or benefit of the Association.

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

- A. The management of the Association shall be governed by the Executive committee, which committee shall be composed of the seven officers of the Association **(comprised of Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Secretary/Treasurer, and two Tech men/women)**. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a forum at any regular, scheduled, special or other meeting. By way of enumeration and not limitation, the Executive Committee shall coordinate and establish rules and regulations to carry out the functions of the Association, shall select all working personal of the Association or compensation to be paid to them, to grant special memberships, such as honorary and non-participating members, to appoint any an all committees necessary for the proper functions of the Association, to do any and all things necessary or proper to carry out all provisions of these By-Laws and to safeguard and promote the best interest of the Membership.

VI. MEETINGS

- A. There shall be at least two annual meetings of the membership of the Association to be held in the months of April & October of each year at a time and at a place to be designated by the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall notify all members of the time and place of such meeting at least 7 days prior to the convening thereof. The first of such meetings shall be for the purpose of nominating candidates for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Tech men/women of the Association. All such nominations shall be made from the floor at which time all of the aforesaid officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present, and voting. Said officers to serve for a term of one (2) years. Chairperson will be offset in years by Co-Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer. The first elected Chiarperson will serve a three (3) year term which will expire at the end of the 2010 season. This will allow an offset for future elections.
- B. In addition to the annual meetings set forth above, special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee. Upon written petition of 51% of the membership, the Executive Committee shall call a special meeting for the purposes notified seven (7) days prior to the convening of said special meeting.
- C. An annual membership fee shall be fixed by the Executive committee and shall be payable via the terms listed on the membership form. In addition, the Executive committee shall fix such membership fees and special assessments as maybe necessary for the existence or benefit of the Association. All disbursements of the funds of the Association shall be made by check. All payments of funds of the Association shall have the prior approval of the Executive Committee and all books, records and reports of the Association shall be subject to the audit by an audit committee to be appointed from time to time by the Executive Committee.

VII. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Eligibility
Any person of legal age or over shall be eligible for membership in this association. Sex, race, creed, color, or national origin shall not render ineligible any person otherwise deemed eligible under the terms of these By-Laws.
- B. Application for Membership
Any eligible person may become a member of this association by accomplishing all forms prescribed by the Executive Committee; the payment of all membership fees as fixed by the Executive Committee.
- C. Expulsion of Members
Any individual maybe banned from TSDRA by management. Any member of the Association who fails to comply with the Rules and By-Laws of the Association of who conducts himself or herself in a manner detrimental to the Association shall, upon finding of such facts by the Executive committee after a hearing, be expelled and his or her membership and the privileges conferred thereby shall be revoked.
- D. Responsibilities of Members
All drivers are responsible for the actions of their families and pit crew before, during and after the races and at all official functions of the TSDRA. Disregard for this rule may result in an indefinite suspension from the track, as well as membership in TSDRA.
1. Fighting, inciting disturbances, etc., are strictly forbidden before, during and after the races and at all official functions of the TSDRA.
 2. Drinking or being in an intoxicated condition before, and during the race is strictly forbidden.
- E. Duties of Members
Members shall bring to the attention of the Committee (two persons who are part if the Executive committee) any activity or conduct considered not to be in the best interest and welfare if the Association, shall attend all meetings and exercise their voice and vote in the affairs of the Association.
- A. Membership classifications will be defined as follows:
1. Competitor Membership: Sportsman class competitors
 2. General Membership: Non-competitor members interested in promoting the Association and the sport of drag racing; are ineligible to receive contingency awards or points money but are eligible to vote.
 3. Sponsors: Non-competitor members interested in promoting the Association and the sport of drag racing; are ineligible to receive contingency awards, point's money but are eligible to vote.
- B. All current members will receive a TSDRA membership card, decals and one vote at Board Member elections. Membership is non-transferable.
- C. Membership discounts may be granted by the board.
- D. Resignation from the Association may be made at any time by writing to

the Board of Directors. Voluntary withdrawal from the TSDRA will result in the loss of any association benefits forthcoming and the forfeiture of all fees paid. The Board of Directors reserves the right to request the return of the TSDRA decal and membership card from resigning members.

VII. QUALIFICATIONS AND REGULATIONS

- A. All competitor membership applicants must have a valid driver's license. Applications must be accompanied by the appropriate membership fee, car information, and picture, if requested. Must have a current and valid NHRA and/or IHRA participant card.
- B. Members' racecars must meet the racetrack inspection requirements, and members must follow NHRA, IHRA and/or track regulations while racing their vehicles.
- C. To be eligible for points and payouts, the TSDRA decal and any other decal as communicated via the website **must** be visibly displayed on rear window of the race vehicle during an TSDRA event.
- D. The Association may use any and all information concerning a member and his or her race vehicle for publicity to promote the Association.
- E. Revocation of membership can occur when a member behaves in a manner detrimental to the good name of the Association.
 - 1. A written protest must be submitted to the Board of Directors by any member giving all the facts and information about the incident and member in question.
 - 2. The individual in question must then appear before the Board of Directors. He or she will have the opportunity answer to the protest and, give his/her rebuttal. If the member in question does not appear, the Board of Directors will review the situation based on information that is available.
 - 3. After review, the Board will make its decision and issue one of the following findings:
 - a. The infraction was serious enough to warrant permanent revocation of all membership rights and privileges from the individual in question, including loss of all points earned, fees paid, membership card, and all association identification on his or her race vehicle.
 - b. The infraction was not serious enough to warrant revocation of the above-named privileges.
- G. The Board reserves the right to immediately and permanently revoke all membership rights and privileges from any member who is found to be under the influence of any illicit drug or alcohol while competing during any racing event that is designated by the Association. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- H. Each member agrees that the act of entering an Association event shall constitute an agreement by him or her to be bound by all the rules covering the event. He or she also agrees to be bound by any and all decisions of the event or technical directors and to release said Directors from liability for an alleged

erroneous decision.

- I. All members must sign a form releasing the Association from any liability resulting from accident or injury incurred while participating or attending any association racing or social event. Further, no individual member of the Board of Directors will be liable for actions taken by the Association as an entity. All competitors under the age of 18 must have the release of liability signed by both parents and/or legal guardian(s).
- J. Any member who is caught cheating will lose all points and money earned at that race. Any member caught cheating a second time will be removed from the Association as a member, will not be allowed to participate in any races for the remainder of the season and ineligible for any end-of-the year payouts. In order to re-join the Association in the future, an application must be submitted and the membership will vote on whether to accept or deny the application.
- K. Anyone who feels a competitor is illegal in competition may put up a \$250.00 protest fee. The person that files a protest against another race must put up \$250.00... If competitor is found illegal, the person that filed protest will receive the \$250.00 fee back!!!! --- If competitor is legal... the accused competitor will receive the \$250.00 protest fee...

VIV. ASSOCIATION POINTS

- A. Points will be awarded to a current TSDRA member for competition at a designated TSDRA event and for attending scheduled meetings.
- B. Any member racing more than one vehicle must specify which one of the vehicles they will receive points for, before eliminations. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of points potentially earned for that event.
- C. In order to receive points for an event, each competitor is responsible for signing in with the True Street Chairperson on the day of the event. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of points potentially earned for that event.
- D. Partnerships must have a minimum of one competitor membership and will receive one vote per membership. Membership is non-transferable.
- E. Points may be transferred to a new car during the race season.
- F. **Sportsman points** will be tabulated by using points from all scheduled races you attend. Races consist of NHRA or IHRA competition.

The following is a list of points for events.

40 points for attending meetings
100 points for entering an event
32 points for 1st place
30 POINTS for 2nd place
28 points for 3rd place
26 points for 4th place
24 points for 5th place
22 points for 6th place
20 points for 7th place
18 points for 8th
16 points for 9th
14 points for 10th
12 points for 11th

10 points for 12th
8 points for 13th
6 points for 14th
4 points for 15th
2 points for 16th

10 points for each round

H. Rainouts

1. Rainout points will be awarded on a point-in-time system based on how far the competitor has advanced at the time a rainout is declared. Points will be awarded through the last complete round.

2. In the event that an TSDRA-designated event is rained out before competition starts, no entry points will be awarded to any competitor.

X. ASSOCIATION PAYOUTS

- A. Payouts are awarded at the annual banquet.
- B. All payouts are subject to available funds and may be adjusted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The following formula has been developed to assist the Board in dispersing the year-end payouts.

- C. The Treasurer will determine how much money we have available for payouts.
- D. This is the approximate breakdown for dividing up the money available in each class. We will attempt to pay back 11 places.

1st.-33% of funds available to this class
2nd-18.5%
3rd.-11.5%
4th-8.5%
5th-6.5%
6th-5.25%
7th-4.6%
8th-3.9%
9th-3.2%
10th-2.7%
11th-2%

***Per funds available/the board may adjust the above numbers as they see fit.**

XI. SPONSORSHIP PAYOUTS

- A. Sponsorship payouts will be adjusted according to the funds available and requires a executive committee meeting on race day to determine payouts. Racers will be notified of payouts prior to Qualifying.

XII. BYLAW AMENDMENTS

- A. The Board of Directors reserves the right to provide an exception to the

Bylaws if it is deemed necessary or beneficial to do so. All requests for exceptions must be brought to a scheduled Board meeting, and a majority vote of the Board members in attendance is required to grant the exception.

- B. Requests for permanent amendments to the Bylaws must be made in writing to the Board of Directors at a scheduled Board meeting. A majority vote of the Board members in attendance is required to permanently amend the Bylaws. However, if one-third (1/3) of the Board members elect to bring the amendment to the general membership, the amendment may not be implemented until there is a vote among the general membership. The vote will occur at the next scheduled general membership meeting (usually the banquet, or a special membership meeting if appropriate, only competitor and general members in attendance may vote. The majority vote of the general membership supersedes any decision made by the Board of Directors regarding the permanent amendment to the bylaws.
- C. All permanent amendments to the bylaws will be communicated to members via the website. Copies of the Bylaws will be made available to members upon request.

XII.

EFFECTIVE DATE

These By-laws shall, when approved by a majority of the members present and voting at a special meeting called for the purpose of discussing said By-Laws, be effective as of May 10, 2008. Note- these By-Laws were approved by a majority of the members attending the meeting __ (May 10, 2008) __.