

IHRA AUSTRALIA



COMPETITORS GUIDE

**REAL STREET & EXTREME BIKE
2025/2026**

Qualifying Guidelines

Racing and Qualifying

In the event of an uneven field, where possible the solo run will be the final run of that qualifying round.

If a competitor is unable to run in the designated pairing, then that qualifying round will be missed by that competitor, unless the reason for missing the pairing is caused by a genuine problem. The Meeting Director shall determine the legitimacy of the problem. The team must advise the Meeting Director of the situation as soon as a potential problem occurs, not at the last minute. If the Meeting Director is convinced of the legitimacy of the problem, then that competitor will have the opportunity to run at the back of that qualifying round but must still run within the time allocated to that bracket's qualifying round. The opponent for that round will run on a solo in the original position.

Should a competitor be unable to make a round of qualifying after that qualifying round has been seeded, and then the other competitor scheduled to run in that pairing will run on a solo.

Once a competitor has entered the start-up area then if unable to stage for whatever reason (including unable to start) then that qualifying round will be missed and the competitor in the other lane will run on a solo.

Should a qualifying round for a bracket commence but be unable to complete due to any reason, including weather conditions or time curfew, then all qualifying runs completed for that bracket in that round of qualifying will be disallowed.

In the event of shortened qualifying and only two qualifying rounds are possible, the competitors will be required to run each qualifier in a different lane.

If four qualifying rounds are scheduled and this is shortened to three before the running of the third qualifying round, then the guidelines for a three qualifying round meeting will be adopted.

Once a lane has been allocated for a qualifying round then that lane cannot be changed under any circumstances.

Competitor Numbers

For Real Street / Extreme Bike rounds a minimum of four competitors must enter a championship round, by close of entries, for that bracket to proceed. Additionally, a minimum of four competitors must attempt to qualify, with a minimum of three competitors contesting the first round of racing, for competitors to be awarded relevant championship points. Only 20 points will be awarded to each competitor, who attempted to qualify, on fields that do not meet the required numbers.

****Note: If field sizes are under subscribed then entered competitors may earn travel points.***

2025–2026 National Series Format

The upcoming 2025–2026 National Series will incorporate nominated Track Championship Series rounds as part of its scoring system.

At each nominated round, competitors will have the opportunity to earn a 50% bonus on their points from that event. These bonus points will be carried over and added to their National Series total, giving drivers a strategic edge in the overall championship standings.

This format rewards performance at key events and adds an exciting layer of competition to the Series. Stay tuned for the official list of nominated rounds and further details on how the bonus system will be applied.

Competitors will be able to accumulate a maximum of 300 series points prior to the finals at the 2026 Winternationals

To be eligible for the title of either Champion or Runner-up, a competitor must contest a minimum of three events, including nominated Track Series rounds and the Winternationals finals.

Points accrued at the final event will then be added to the competitors capped points total to determine the champions in each bracket. In the event of a tie, the championship will be awarded to the competitor who progressed through the most rounds of eliminations at the final event. In the event that this still leaves a tie, this would then be settled by awarding to the competitor who performed better in relation to their dial-in in their last round of racing.

In the event of a round being cancelled due to weather, points will be awarded up to the position where racing stops, with each racer attempting to qualify receiving 20 points if no eliminations have been run.

A minimum of five competitors must enter a bracket by close of entries, further to that a minimum of five competitors must attempt to qualify, and a minimum of three must contest first round, for the bracket to be contested as a championship event. Only 20 points will be awarded to each competitor, who attempted to qualify at a valid commenced event, on fields that don't meet the required numbers.

Brackets must also be contested at a minimum of three events to be eligible for championship status.

All Events to be run as CHICAGO SHOOTOUT

Seeding – All Brackets

Seeding will be relevant to the Racing Format and appropriate for the IHRA Real Street / Extreme Bike Drag Racing Series.

REAL STREET CHICAGO SHOOTOUT RULES

DIAL YOUR OWN

Race Seeding:

All Brackets will be seeded on their reaction time in THE first qualifying session. If you run quicker than your respective cut off, you will be placed at the bottom of the field regardless of your reaction time also if you do not front for the first qualifying session you will be placed at the rear of the field.

Lane choice is determined by the fastest dial-in, in that pairing.

In the case of more than one bye run, due to breakage or no show, the Meeting Director has the right and will pair up regardless of seeding sheets.

Nominating Dial-in:

- Racers will nominate a dial-in by displaying it clearly on their vehicle.
- Racers must nominate a time within the limits of a bracket; a racer may not dial-in faster than the minimum or slower than the maximum cut off for that bracket.

Acceptance of Dial-in:

- To commence a run, when called, move into the box before the burnout pad and wait for the dial-in boards to update with your dial-in.
- If your dial-in is correct wait for the signal to commence your burnout, if incorrect notify the track staff immediately to have it changed.
- Once you have commenced your burnout you have accepted your dial-in and it will not be changed.

Staging:

- All competitors must stage in a forward motion. Once one competitor has fully staged, and then the opponent has 20 seconds to be fully staged to commence the race.

Racing:

- All racing will follow IHRA rules and regulations for Group Three dial-your-own-racing.
- The First Worst ruling applies in all cases with red lights, breakouts and centreline or sideline infringements. Being Chicago Shootout Format, all racers will complete in all three rounds of racing regardless of winning or losing the previous race.

Finals:

At the completion of round three, a countback will be made to establish the finalists. The criteria will be as follows:

- A. Two racers with three round wins each – automatic entry into the final regardless of red lights or breakouts.
- B. More than two races with three wins each –The count back is then based on closest elapsed time to nominated dial-in (no quicker than their dial-in) in any round of racing won. Reaction times play no part in the count back. The two racers who are closest to their respective dial-ins are then eligible for the final. If by chance the count back is a dead heat, it will then be based on the next closest to dial in any round win.

Any dispute or questions regarding rule interpretations, please take them up with the meeting director.

The meeting director's decision is final.

EXTREME BIKECHICAGO SHOOT OUT RULES

FOR HEADS UP BRACKETS

The Chicago Shootout Brackets will run over 3 rounds. Solos if applicable are awarded as per qualifying order.

If a racer misses a round they can still come back and race in the next round.

If a racer withdraws then his or her opponent will get a bye. Rounds will not be reseeded.

After the third round the two Racers with the most wins from each bracket will contest the Final.

If there are more than 2 Racers on the same number of wins after the 3rd Round, then the better performer(s) from the 3rd Round will go into the Final.

The better performer is the racer(s) with a WIN and the Quicker ET in the 3rd Round.

This same calculation will determine the finishing position for the rest of the field to award points as per the table below.

IHRA AUSTRALIA POINTS TABLE		
	CHICAGO SHOOTOUT REAL STREET - EXTREME BIKE	
POSITION/ACHIEVEMENT		POINTS ALLOCATION
Round Win		20
Round Lose		5
Qualifying		20

IHRA Australia Real Street/Extreme Bike Championship Series Tie Decider: In the event of competitors which Tie for either Real Street/Extreme Bike IHRA Australia Drag Racing Series, the title will be awarded to:

1. The driver / Rider who has the most amount of win rounds at the series final event.
2. The driver / rider who contests the most IHRA Australia Series events throughout the season.
3. The driver / rider who contests the most IHRA Australia Series events, outside their home state.
4. When the competitors end the event with equal round wins at the series final event, then the competitor who has the better package. (Red Lights and boundary infringements not included).

♦ Note: The awarding of a series winner is conditional upon the competitor contesting at least one IHRA Australia Series round outside their home track.

ABANDONED EVENT

Where any round of the IHRA Australia Series or the final event for an Eliminator is abandoned at any point, all entrants in attendance at the event will receive a minimum of 20 points or any further points accumulated prior to the abandonment.