



INTERNATIONAL HOT ROD ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA

DISQUALIFICATION

The ideal outcome of any race is to have one winner and one loser; however, situations arise where both competitors are disqualified during the same race. There are varying degrees of rules infractions, with policy being that in situations of identical infringements, the first to commit the infringement will be disqualified. This is followed by the competitor committing the major infraction will be disqualified and the other competitor with the lesser offence is reinstated, providing the grounds for disqualification were equal for both competitors.

Should a competitor receive a red light (foul start), and the opposing competitor cross a lane boundary line, the latter infraction will prevail and the competitor committing the foul start will be reinstated.

Should a competitor stall or break after both competitors received the green light; and the competitor in the other lane breaks-out, the win will be awarded to the competitor that did not break-out.

Once a vehicle leaves the staging lanes for a run, it must be prepared to fire and race.

Failure to stage upon the Starters instructions is grounds for disqualifications.

If a competitor is disqualified for any reason prior to the actual start of a race, he or she cannot be reinstated.

To be a legitimate race winner, all winners, all cars and motorcycles must self-start and stage under their own engine power.

In situations where a competitor is making a single run in eliminations, he or she is considered the automatic winner.

The Meeting Director is responsible for determining the outcome of a dual infraction. However, his or her decision is open to appeal to the IHRA Australia Stewards, whose decision is final.

Infractions are listed in order of severity from top to bottom.

Examples of grounds for disqualifications, suspension or expulsion are:

- 1) Failure to observe safe working practices in the Paddock Area.
- 2) Failure to ensure the breather/oil tank on a supercharged vehicle is drained prior to a run,
- 3) Failure to report to staging.
- 4) Failure to remove pins from parachute/s and Fire Suppression Systems.
- 5) Excessive speed or burnouts in other than allowed areas or failure to observe burnout limits.
- 6) Sandbagging or delaying a run.
- 7) Crossing or touching of the centre line or boundary line of the racing surface other than intentionally leaving the surface to avoid depositing debris (in all instances the run must be aborted, and no ET or speed will be recorded). Crossing the centre line during a burnout or during braking after the finish line is not an automatic disqualification, unless such action is deemed by the relevant officials to be careless or hazardous to the vehicle in the opposite lane. Parachutes will not be considered a boundary infraction once the vehicle has crossed the finish line. Lane boundary crossing rules do not apply on solo runs, although the run must be aborted. Where a competitor removes the finish line timing block, the elapsed time in the other lane will not be recorded if that competitor is second across the finish line.
- 8) Failure to voluntarily reduce speed or stop in the event of a vehicle not handling properly.
- 9) In cases where a component of a vehicle becomes detached during an elimination run, and in the opinion of the Officials endangers any other person, the competitor will be disqualified. During qualifying, the run will be disallowed. Mandatory safety items that are designed to detach from the vehicle in an emergency (for example Funny Car Body Burst Panel) will not be a subject to disqualification.



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- 10) Depositing foreign matter onto the track or staging lanes
- 11) Foul start.
- 12) Failure to fire up at appointed time.
- 13) Once vehicle is in the hands of the starter, if the engine stops the vehicle will be disqualified from racing unless it can be restarted without outside assistance. The use of remote starters to restart a vehicle that has stalled is not permitted.
- 14) Deep staging (Super Gas), or Reverse staging in any category.
- 15) Failure to comply with Rules or directions of authorised persons.
- 16) Making a false statement relating to vehicle compliance under the Competitor Audit Declaration Programme.
- 17) Unsportsmanlike conduct, improper language or conduct detrimental to the sport.
- 18) Driver/Crew failure to obey instructions from IHRA Australia Representatives-Stewards/Track Officials.
- 19) Verbal/Physical abuse to any competitor/crew/IHRA Officials-Stewards/Track Officials
- 20) Any infractions specifically listed as grounds for disqualification in other sections of the IHRA Australia Supplementary App