



2025/2026 SEASON NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 2025/2026 drag racing season at NAPA Auto Parts Dragway, Meremere. Please read this newsletter for all the information you need to have a successful season with us. **All major changes are highlighted in yellow.**

NZ PERFORMANCE CAR MAGAZINE NIGHT SPEED DRAG WARS SERIES

[NZ Performance Car Magazine](#) remains on board for our **Night Speed Drag Wars Series** naming rights sponsor for the summer. We kick the season off on Friday 31st October 2025 with a big fireworks bang. **Double points** are up for grabs at NSDW 2 and at NSDW 6. Please visit our website to see full [class details and rules of racing](#) at the NZ Performance Car Magazine's Night Speed Drag Wars Series.

NAPA AUTO PARTS DRAGWAY COMPETITION SERIES

The **NAPA Auto Parts Point Score Series** will run over five competition meetings in its now familiar format to ensure full fields of racing. All Competition vehicles will qualify together and will be split into classes of eight quickest to slowest. All Comp classes (Top Comp, Pro Comp etc) will run a DY0 format, 0.4 Pro Tree on a Sportsman Ladder i.e., Qual 1 races Qual 5, Qual 2 races Qual 6, Qual 3 races Qual 7 and Qual 4 races Qual 8. Competition Bike will also run on a Sportsman Ladder format.

This season, we are continuing with the new class to encourage our Night Speed Drag Wars racers to make the step up to Competition racing. **We have lowered the ET from 10 seconds to 9 seconds.** The [PROWEAR](#) Drag Wars class is open only to Jap Import, Euro and EV/hybrid models from our loyal Drag Wars racers. All vehicles must run 12 to 9 secs, must have ET Streets and racing will be in DY0 format. Full [class details and rules](#) can be found on our website.

The Race Schedule will be available at the Entry Booth on race day and your attention to Pit PA calls will assist you to get into your lanes and onto the track on time. The maximum dial in for any racer in the Comp Classes is 10.99, Super Sedan maximum dial in is 10.99 and Super Street minimum dial in is 11.00. Remember there are only 2 qualifying passes for Competition and Competition Bike racers and anyone attempting to do more passes may face disqualification. Seedings and Ladders will be available at the base of the Pit Tower at the conclusion of qualifying.

The **Racer Return** system will continue this season as part of the **NAPA Auto Parts Point Score Series**. It rewards racers in Super Sedan, Comp Bike and Competition for running each round from Quarterfinals onwards. Fifty (50) round points are awarded to each racer that fronts and crosses the finish line under his / her own power from Quarterfinals through to the final. Racers will run each round of eliminations regardless of the results to determine placings and points from 1st through to 8th place. So stay on alert to find out who you are racing each round.



EVENT TICKETING

This year we will not be having online ticketing. We have implemented Credit Cards/Pay Wave and Tap and Go at the main gate and at race entry. Online gate entry is something we might visit again in the future.

Family passes will be available again and can be purchased at the gate. As 11 year olds and under are free, all our family passes including two adults and three children aged 12 to 17 years. The Family Pass cost for each event will change but it will always include two adults and three children aged 12 to 17 years.

EVENTS

Nov 8th & 9th Test & Tune and NAPA Auto Parts Competition Meeting #1

The first round of the NAPA Auto Parts Competition Points Score Series with 1.5 points on offer.

Gate Admission will be \$10 Saturday / \$25 Sunday.

Saturday: gates open 930am, track opens 11am to 4pm.

Sunday: gates open 7am, race entry opens 8am, track opens 930am.

Please note there will be a separate cost for Test & Tune on this weekend.

Refer to Race format sheet at the end of this document or visit the for full costs breakdown.

Tow Money is available for Competition Meeting 1 only.

No tow money is available for Test & Tune.

Nov 22th and 23th Test & Tune and NAPA Auto Parts Competition Meeting #2

featuring **OUTLAW 71**

Round 2 of the NAPA Auto Parts Competition Points Score Series includes a guest appearance by OUTLAW 71.

Timings and costs same as COMP 1.

Sat, 17th Jan IHRA NZ National Series round - Wellington Invasion

This is the 2nd round of the IHRA NZ National Drag Racing Championship series.

There will be 3 rounds of qualifying and then into Eliminations - all the action packed into one day. Racers, keep an eye on our Facebook page for Online Entry details.

See Competition Events Chart and / or the Wellington Invasion Event page for full details.

Gate Admission \$30. Gates open at 7am, racing starts 9.30am.

This will be a long, one day event that could go to 10.00pm, so please come prepared.

Sat 31st Jan NAPA Auto Parts Competition Meeting #3 featuring VINTAGE GASSERS

Round 3 of the NAPA Auto Parts Competition Points Score Series.

Gates open 8am, racing starts 10.00am.

Gate entry \$25,

Sat, 21st Feb NAPA Auto Parts Competition Meeting #4 featuring

STREET CAR SHOOT OUT & OUTLAW 71

Round 4 of the Series.

Format, timings and costs as per COMP 3.



Mar 7 2026 IHRA NZ NATIONALS - National Drag Racing Series

Mar 8

The Nationals are back at Meremere this year.

Qualifying on Saturday

Eliminations racing on Sunday. There is no race entry on Sunday so please ensure you have pre-entered online or are at the track on Friday and Saturday to enter.

A Nationals newsletter will be issued later in the season with all the information you need for this event.

A Race Schedule will be available closer to the event.

Sat 21st Mar NAPA Auto Parts Competition Meeting #5 - Final Round

Round 5 of the NAPA Auto Parts Competition Points Score Series and will run the same format, times and costs as COMP 3 and 4.

Sat TBC May Sponsors & Crew Fun Day

This is a popular day for the Sponsors and Crew. All racers that have supported the NAPA Auto Parts Competition Series are invited to attend with their Sponsors, cast and crew to show them what drag racing is all about. Gate entry \$10, Race Entry \$75 (\$50 for IHRA NZ Membership card).

This day is for racers who have raced at the track this season, if you have not raced at one of the above meeting please do not be offended when you are turned away.

MAY 2026 Awards Night - details to be confirmed in 2026.

VENUE INFORMATION

Pit Notices

We have limited Pit runners so listen and follow instructions from the Pit PA. The Pit PA will call you into the lanes for qualifying and racing. They will advise when the Seedings and Ladders (pairings) are put up on the notice board under the Pit tower. Please be aware when your class is ready to go out, it is up to the racer to make sure he/she is ready.

Pit Area Shelters

No areas are to be chained off at any time during the season. No permanent shelter will be allowed although concrete pads and "easy-ups" are permitted. Ring Meremere Dragway's office for details.

Waste oil dumps

There is one waste oil dump station in our facility; it is located behind the Main Tower near the green shed between the Top Alcohol and Top Doorslammer pits. Please do not dump your waste oil in our rubbish bins.

Pit FM Radio

In addition to the Pit PA and Pit Runners, you can also tune into 106.8FM for Pit Tower announcements and when you need to be in the Staging Lanes.



Pit Area / Space Allocation

Carol Phillips will be allocating pit spaces to competitors for the season. Carol can be contacted on 027 260 8452. Please call her prior to the first meeting to let her know whether you will require a pit space this season. ALL racers need to confirm their pit space requirements for the season.

NAPA Auto Parts Dragway Meremere Management would like to clarify these points:

- Racers do not own the concrete pads or shelters they use, but own the right to use the concrete pad/shelter when they are racing.
- If a racer has not raced for 3 years or has not contacted NAPA Auto Parts Dragway Meremere Management for 3 years, they forfeit their user rights to the pit space and it will be allocated to another racer.
- Any racer is welcome to concrete their allocated pit space for their use. Please contact Management if you want to do so meremeredragway@xtra.co.nz.

NAPA Auto Parts Dragway Meremere management must be consulted prior to any permanent concrete pads being on-sold or leased out.

- At any private Track Hire it is up to the Promoter to utilise any pit spaces as they see fit.
- The trailer park is at the end of the camping area (ex-Vintage Speedway). Please follow the signs.
- As space is precious the only vehicles permitted in pit areas are race vehicles along with one tow car and where applicable a vehicle service unit. Please respect your neighbours and stay within the confines of your allocated space.

Sponsorship and Signage

If you know anyone who would like to utilise our venue as a method of promotion, please contact us at meremeredragway@xtra.co.nz or give the office a call on (09) 238 5564 or 0272 629627.

On Site Accommodation - Light NO fires.

Camping is restricted to racers and crew members and is only to be in designated areas - not in Pit spaces. We kindly ask campers to respect the privacy of others. The venue may be locked on Saturdays before Sunday events so please contact the office (09) 238 5564 or 0272 629 627 to pre-arrange camping. Limited hot showers and power are available for campers. Please Note there is no camping at NSDW events and Private events. Please light NO fires!

Track Preparation

Due to track preparation requirements leading up to race days, we are unable to allow vehicles to test during that day. If you have any questions with regard to testing please contact the office on (09) 238 5564 or 0272 629627.

Private Track Hire/Testing

The track is available for private hire/testing. If you would like to know more about this contact the office on (09) 238 5564 or 0272 629627.



COMPETITOR INFORMATION

Tech Inspections - Before arriving at NAPA Auto Parts Dragway Meremere, please ensure your vehicle is tech inspected and your IHRA Tech is up to date. A Tech Inspection will cost from \$50 per half hour. [See the list](#) for full details.

Tech Inspectors

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IHRA NZ DRIVERS REPS

Please go to www.ihra.co.nz to contact your class rep

NAPA Auto Parts Dragway Points

The NAPA Auto Parts Dragway Point Score Series will take place at the following meetings:
 COMP 1 - Sun 9th Nov | COMP 2 - Sun 23rd Nov | COMP 3 - Sat 31st Jan | COMP 4 - Sat 21st Feb
 COMP 5 - Sat 21st Mar

1.5 Points: All divisions will get 1.5 points allocations at the opening meeting on 5th November.

Junior Dragster, Super Street, Drag Wars, Screaming Eagle and Mod Bike = 50 Entry Points

Ten Points will be allocated to competitors after each round of racing is completed. i.e. a loss in the first round of racing equals 10 points; a loss in the second round equals 20 points, etc.

To obtain points racer must have crossed finish line under own power including during Bye runs.



Top Comp, Pro Comp, Super Comp, Comp, Super Sedan*, Comp Bike Divisions Points

1. The following points will be allocated in all the divisions listed above:

Entry = 50 points

1st	200	2nd	180	3rd	160	4th	140
5th	120	6th	110	7th	100	8th	90

Round Points = 50 points per round contested from Quarterfinals onwards.

To obtain round points, racer must cross the finish line under own power including during Bye runs.

Allocation: Points are allocated to each vehicle/team but the team may be expanded and the points retained. NO transferring of points - a Racer can only earn points in that Bracket, e.g. Competition.

2. Individual Division Points - Junior Dragster, Super Street, Drag Wars, Screaming Eagle, Modified Bike, - unlimited field sizes. The points will be calculated manually as per the previous season. Points will not be transferrable between categories.

* Individual Division Points - Super Sedan, - unlimited field sizes

Points will be calculated manually as per the Comp Brackets. Please note - because of dissimilar field sizes all points will be calculated from quarterfinals onwards i.e. Super Sedan racer return points will only start accumulating once the quarterfinal field size stage has been reached.

Combined Competition Point Score -

Top Comp, Pro Comp, Super Comp and Comp 8 car fields - on the day prize money only. Trophies and certificates will be awarded to the Winners and Runners-Up at the Awards night. Points are transferable between the Competition DYO categories. Accumulated points during the season will count to recognition for these awards. Please note that the maximum DYO you can elect in these brackets is 10.99secs. If your vehicle is unable to run these numbers you will not be eligible and you must run in Super Street, Drag Wars or Super Sedan.

Pukekohe Hot Rod Club Top Drag Racer Points

Racers competing in Top Comp, Pro Comp, Super Comp, Comp, Super Sedan and Comp Bike will be eligible for the PHRC Top Drag Racer Award. Please note - because of dissimilar field sizes all points will be calculated from an 8car field size i.e. Super Sedan points will only start accumulating once the 8car field size stage (quarter final) has been reached.

Division Sponsors (For NAPA Auto Parts Dragway 5xCompetition Series Only)

Top Drag Racer	Pukekohe Hot Rod Club
Top Comp	AeroFlow
Competition Bike	Auckland Harley Davidson
Pro Comp	Petrol Head
Super Comp	1 st Auto Parts
Comp	Mothers
Super Sedan	B&B Freighters
Drag Wars	Prowear
Super Street	TBC
Screamin' Eagle	Auckland Harley Davidson
Modified Bike	Top Cru
Junior Dragster	Fun Time Food and Amusements



Sponsors

Each competitor racing at a Sponsored event may be required to affix a decal on both sides of the vehicle or bike. Any competitor not displaying the decal may not be eligible for prize money. It is important to remember that with Sponsorship, it allows television coverage which, in turn, benefits both the competitors, Sponsors and the image of New Zealand drag racing as a whole. Please support our sponsors.

Tow Vouchers (excludes Test & Tune) - Collect BEFORE PRIZEGIVING

Only competitors who run 10.00 or quicker during eliminations at the event qualify for tow vouchers. All vehicles must be trailered to the event, run slicks and be tech inspected. Tow vouchers can only be collected and signed for by the Competitor on the day. Junior Dragster and Screamin' Eagle will not be eligible for tow vouchers and Motorcycle competitors will receive half of the following pay out.

From the Wellington/Wairarapa area tow vouchers will be \$150. From Palmerston North/New Plymouth area it is \$90

From Taupo/Whakatane/Whangarei area it is \$60

Please present your time slip to the Tow Voucher co-coordinator in the Main Tower in order to pick up your petrol vouchers - these are to be collected on Race Day. You must collect your tow vouchers **before Prizegiving** at the meeting you attend, the office will no longer be issuing travel after the fact.

All South Island competitors must apply for tow voucher consideration four weeks prior to events. Please call Gary on 0272 629627 or email meremeredragway@extra.co.nz for further information.

RACE ENTRY

The entry booth as per last season will be at the entry shed near the back of the pits/canal and will be open for an hour the night before every event and again for one hour prior to track opening on race day. Please ensure you have completed the weighing and classifying process and have your civil drivers licence, competition licence and log book with you before coming to the entry booth.

- Scrutineering will be in the entry shed. Please enter before you go to scrutineering.
- All Junior Dragster competitors entry will be in the Junior Dragster pits. Please have your drag racing licence and log book with you.
- Please keep an eye out on our [Facebook page](#), our [website](#) and email updates for pre-entry to upcoming meetings.

Note: If an endorsement has been entered in your logbook from the last event attended, please see the IHRA Area Steward to check the fault and have the log book signed off before coming to Entry Booth. Any changes in your health or changes to your vehicle must be declared at Race Entry before the event.

Ensure you complete your personal and vehicle details on the entry forms; your best time and speed, all your drag racing highlights and all your sponsors details, next of kin and the full legal names of your crew when you fill in forms this summer. In order to keep fans informed at the track, we need to know all about you and your Sponsors so please help by filling in the details. You will only need to do this once during the season but the information can be updated. It will be a great help to the announcers!



The racer entry form (online and printed) also contains legal information concerning insurance and indemnity that you will sign/agree to at the beginning of the season and confirm by signing your Scrutineering card at every subsequent meeting you attend.

Health & Safety Requirements:

All Racers are required to complete and sign the new Health & Safety form in the first meeting of each season that you attend at NAPA Auto Parts Dragway.

Scrutineering

There will be no scrutineering for Tech Inspected vehicles. An IHRA Area Steward will however be carrying out random audits throughout the season. All vehicles with a WOF/Rego (>11.00 secs) will continue to be scrutineered at each event.

Your competition number and bracket category is to go on the windscreen of each race vehicle and tow vehicle, as well as the standard side position.

Important Note: No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from scrutineering, Tech Inspection or audit checks. These checks are intended to assist the competitor with his/her safety and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a spectator or participants. Signing this card means you agree with the indemnity on the racer detail sheet and that all health and vehicle changes have been declared.

Medical for vehicles 10:00sec and quicker

All racers with vehicles 10:00sec and quicker must have a current medical. This must be noted on your Drag Racing license.

[Group 2 & 3 racers medical form.](#)

[Group 1 racers medical form.](#)

Racer Costs for NAPA Auto Parts Dragway Series

Junior Dragster & Teen Championship Racing \$45 or \$20 with IHRA NZ membership card.

Super Street, Mod Bike & Screaming Eagles, \$100.00 or \$75 with IHRA NZ membership card.

Super Sedan & Competition Bike = \$145.00 or \$120.00 with IHRA NZ membership card.

Competition Classes = \$165.00 or \$140.00 with IHRA NZ membership card.

No refunds and no rain checks - please click [here](#) for the NAPA Auto Parts Dragway Rainout Policy.

Random Breath Testing & Drug Testing

Random alcohol breath testing and drug testing will take place throughout the Season. If approached by the assistant Area Steward for a random breath or drug test, you are required to comply. Any refusal will result in immediate disqualification from further racing for that meeting. No refunds of gate or race entry will be applicable in this case. Please note the alcohol limit for racers and crew is **0 (ZERO)**. If ANY crew member is under the influence the whole team will be disqualified. If a racer or crew member tests positive during the drug test, the whole team will be disqualified.



Quads/Scooters Helmets and Golf Carts

Drivers of quads/scooters/golf carts (as a tow vehicle) must be a minimum of 14years old. Passengers of quads/scooters/golf carts (as a tow vehicle) must be a minimum of 12years old.

All occupants of quads and scooters must wear a helmet at all times on the Dragway site. Repeated non-compliance may see your race team removed from racing.

Licensing

All competitors must hold applicable current licences prior to race day. A civil driver's licence will be accepted for Super Street (slower than 11.00 if WOFd / Reg'd) and Mod Bike (slower than 11.00 if WOFd / Reg'd) on the day at competition meetings.

Licence Passes

To eliminate delays in the racing schedule all license passes will occur during qualifying schedules unless otherwise approved by the Race Director and Area Steward. Licence passes at a National round is by application only.

Race Day Schedule

Race day schedules will be available at entry booth on race day. These are a guideline to racing and should be adhered to in conjunction with any information supplied by Pit Control and the Pit Runners. Every effort will be made by the NAPA Auto Parts crew to stick strictly to the schedule however, any incidents such as weather, oil downs, turn-around times and any other unforeseen circumstances will affect the order of the day. Please assist by ensuring you are in your correct Pit Lane when called. If your class has been called and you are not in the Pit Lanes when they approach Head of Stage, you will be disqualified.

Advise Out

It is of paramount importance that all racers advise out as soon as this becomes apparent so fields can be fully seeded correctly and in a timely manner.

ON TRACK

Tow Vehicles

If you use a tow vehicle please ensure it uses the return road when following race cars down the track. In line with safety regulations, there should be no children or standing passengers on the back of the vehicles. The return road has been widened from the burn out pad to the Chute Packers shed. When going to tow cars from the braking area do not use the track but continue down the return road. Please be considerate of racers driving back under own power - move over to allow room for them to pass to avoid overheating. The speed limit for all internal roads is 10kmh, please abide by the speed limit as children are well known for popping up out of nowhere.

Chute Pins

As per the rulebook, all chute pins must be removed in the staging lanes. Failure to remove pins before the burnout can lead to disqualification at the Starters discretion.



Burnouts

Super Street and Super Sedan are prohibited from crossing the start line during the burnout. One warning will be given during qualifying, disqualification if start line crossed during eliminations.

Staging

All vehicles will be called to the staging lanes by the Pit Control announcer. Listen carefully to these calls. Once a vehicle reaches the front of the staging lanes for a run, it must be prepared to fire and race as directed by the Starter. Any vehicle not prepared to fire or unable to fire when directed by the Starter may be excluded from the race at the Starter's discretion.

Courtesy Staging & Auto Start -will continue to be enforced this season.

As a reminder, both contestants must activate their pre-stage lights before either may advance into the stage beams. The final staging motion, using applied power, must be in a forward motion, going from pre-stage to stage position. (This is considered a courtesy rule and the Starter has the option of backing out both drivers and re-staging to assure a proper start). The second infringement in one event will result in disqualification. In the case of Junior Dragster, the Starter will allow one pull back. See track rule below. Disqualification is at the discretion of the Starter.

Failure to courtesy stage more than once at one race meeting will result in disqualification in eliminations at Starters' Discretion.

Courtesy Staging - Both cars must Pre-stage before either car stages. A vehicle that accidentally lights both bulbs may be allowed to back up (pull back with juniors) and restage correctly if the other Racer is not yet in Pre-Stage or Stage. If the Tree is activated during this process and the Racer has not restaged, he will be eliminated. The amount of time allowed for the second car to stage is predetermined by the AutoStart function in the system (refer Meremere Dragway rulebook).

Over Staging

If you are last in and "over stage" (drive through the lights), the Starter will trigger the Christmas tree and let the other car go. The offending vehicle/driver will be given an automatic red light. You are not permitted to "reverse stage".

NAPA Auto Parts Dragway requests all Competitors to comply with the Track Rules relating to Staging as it is a mandatory part of racing at our facility.

Breakages/Oil Downs

In the event of your vehicle breaking or dropping oil, please ensure that you pull to the SIDE of the track as soon as it is practical and STOP. This will drastically speed up the clean-up operation. If your vehicle requires a nappy or belly pan and one is not fitted and you do oil down the track, this may result in a fine or disqualification at the discretion of the IHRA Steward / NAPA Auto Parts Track Manager and Race Director.



Antifreeze

All competition vehicle/bikes are prohibited from having antifreeze i.e. glycol, in their vehicle/bike. Violations may result in disqualification/fine at the discretion of the IHRA Steward/MDI Track Manager and Race Director.

Passengers

To ensure NAPA Auto Parts Dragway adheres to safety regulations, there should be no passengers in race vehicles without prior arrangement in writing to the Track Manager (excludes Teen Racing). Vehicles given prior dispensation and capable of exceeding 150mph through the finish line must shut down at halftrack. We are passionate about upholding our safety record so please don't abuse the privilege.

Time Slips

Please have one crew member uplift time slips. Only Modified Bike, Super Street and Screamin' Eagle competitors may collect these on the return road. Please observe the speed limit of 10kmh as you approach the Main Tower.

Dial in and Indexes

They will be displayed on the timing boards and on the display boards at the Christmas Tree. Once a racer goes into pre-stage that means they have accepted the dial in/index and cannot be changed. Check your dial-in before going into pre-stage, do not go into pre-stage if it is incorrect but get the attention of one of the officials to have it corrected.

Sponsors

Please support our Sponsors by using and promoting their products. For details on the supply of products such as VP Race fuels please ring Gary on 0272 629627.

Have a great season at "the best place to race".



NIGHT SPEED DRAG WARS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

There will be eight NSDW events over the drag racing season commencing 31st October 2025 through to Friday, 27th March 2026:

Friday 31st October 2025 - Round 1

Friday 14th November 2025 - Round 2 Double Points

Friday 5th December 2025 - Round 3

Saturday 10th January 2026 - Round 4

Saturday 7th February 2026 - Round 5

Saturday 27th February 2026 - Round 6 Double Points

Friday 13th March 2026 - Round 7

Friday 27th March 2026 - Round 8 Final

Sunday TBC May 2026 - NSDW FUN DAY

Prize money, trophies and certificates will be presented at the NAPA Auto Parts Dragway Prizegiving night in May 2026 (date to be confirmed).

Race Categories

When you arrive at the track, please go to Race Entry to pay, complete licence checks and get your Scrutineering card and armband. You must complete this race entry process before you line up for Scrutineering.

On the form you will need to tick a category box depending on the type of vehicle you're entering. The category will also be written on your windscreen driver's side rear window at scrutineering.

At subsequent events collect your racer scrutineering card from race entry and take your car directly to scrutineering. Once you have entered and been through Scrutineering, make your way over to the Pits and wait for the Pit Control call to go into the staging lanes. Ensure you have your armband on throughout the night as this will be checked at Head of Staging prior to entering the Start line area for each race.

Categories 1,2,3,4 and 6 are for vehicles running 11.00 sec and slower (automatic loss if they run under 11.00 during racing). Visit our website for Drag Wars racing classes and rules.

- C1 4WD Turbo**, Supercharged, NOS, 4, 5, 6 cyl, No V8's V10's V12's or EV's, 11sec and slower. HEADS UP.
- C2 2WD Turbo**, Supercharged, NOS, 4, 5, 6 cyl & Rotary, No V8's V10's V12's or EV's. 11sec and slower. HEADS UP.
- C3 All Motor & Turbo NA** - 4, 5, 6 cyl & Rotary No V8's V10's V12's or EV's, 11sec and slower. HEADS UP.
- C4 Quick V8** - All V8s, V10s, V12s 11seconds and slower. HEADS UP.
- C5 TOP CRU LTD Motorcycles DYO** - Street legal Bikes only, minimum ET 9.00, Factory stock bikes slower than 10.00 do not need Tech Inspection but do need Drag Racing License if going quicker than 11.00
- C6 Dial-Your-Own Class** - All make & models, including Electric / Hybrid vehicles.
- C7 ALL ACCESS DRAINAGE Ltd PRO-STREET** - HEADS UP, FULL TREE class for street legal vehicles with Tech and Drag Racing license, 10.00-10.99secs. Qualifying for this class starts at 630pm with a minimum 15minute turnaround time between rounds and the aim of completing racing by 930pm. This class will be seeded and laddered on a PRO Ladder for eliminations racing i.e. QF 1 vs QF 8, QF 2 vs QF 7, QF 3 vs QF 6 and QF 4 vs QF 5 etc.

EXHIBITION CLASS - please contact meremerdragway@extra.co.nz if you want to run at the Night Speed Drag Wars but do not meet any of the eight class requirements (above). Exhibition passes for Competition vehicles at Night Speed Drag Wars is by prior arrangement only.



NB: ALL CLASSES EXCEPT EXHIBITION, MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF FOUR COMPETITORS IN ORDER TO RUN. Drag Wars Rule Changes - please read and familiarise yourself with the [rules](#) before you race. Ignorance is not an excuse.

Please visit our website or [click here](#) for the updated 2025/2026 vbgnh Night Speed Drag Wars rules.

NZ Performance Car Magazines NSDW Championship Point Series

NAPA Auto Parts Dragway will run a point score series over the eight events for the season, with prize money and trophies awarded at the end of the season.

The winners from each night's event however will receive 2 gate entry passes and free race entry to the next NSDW event and Runners up will receive 2 gate entry passes.

Ten points will be allocated to competitors after each round of racing is completed i.e. a loss in the first round of racing equals 10 points; a loss in the second round equals 20 points, etc. Points are not transferable between categories.

All competitors at the NZPC Magazine's NSDW Championship Series Round 2 on 14th November 2025 and NSDW Championship Series Round 6 on 27th February 2026 will receive double points.

Gate & Race Entry

The cost to race is as follows:

\$20 Gate entry

\$50 Race entry

\$70 Total

No refunds and no rain checks - please click [here](#) for the NAPA Auto Parts Dragway Rainout Policy.

Health & Safety Requirements:

All Racers are required to complete and sign the new Health & Safety form in the first meeting you attend at NAPA Auto Parts Dragway.

If a vehicle has two alternating drivers, both driver's licenses must be presented and both drivers must complete a racer entry form and pay to race. Only one racer number and scrutineering card will be allocated to the vehicle.

If you change any details with regard to your vehicle, your address or email, a new racer detail sheet should be completed so that we can update your personal information in our database.

Points Update

Meeting information and points' update will be available on our website www.dragway.co.nz. Please ensure you have completed the racer entry form including your email address as we will be in contact with you alerting you to events and changes to our websites via our email database.

Noise

To adhere to a restricted noise policy all vehicles must have full road legal mufflers in place and make no more than 95db.



Scrutineering

No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from scrutineering, Tech Inspection or audit checks. These checks are intended to assist the competitor with his/her own safety and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a spectator or participant.

Helmets

All competitors must wear an approved helmet. See the IHRA Rule Book for further details. No Moto Cross Helmets

Passengers

Passengers are not permitted at NSDW events.

Venue Information

- Gates open at 5.00pm.
- Racer Entry and Scrutineering from 5.30pm to 8.30pm
- Track opens at 6.30pm, racing till late
- **No alcohol, drugs, dogs, fireworks and gang patches permitted.** There will be random Racers and/or crew breath testing during these meetings. By entering to race, you agree to comply with these requirements. Any refusal will result in immediate disqualification from further racing for that meeting. No refunds of gate or race entry will be applicable in this case.

We are on Facebook as [Drag Wars](#) and as [Meremere Dragway](#). Alternatively, you can sign up to email updates on our [website](#). For more detailed information about Drag Wars especially for first time racers, visit our website www.napaautopartsdragway.co.nz.

NAPA Auto Parts Dragway welcomes Competitors, Spectators and Sponsors. We look forward to sharing a sensational and exciting season with you.

On behalf of NAPA Auto Parts Dragway and the Meremere Dragway team.

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Date	Day	Meeting	Track Opens	Gate Entry	Brackets	Field Size	Race Entry NON-IHRA	Race Entry with IHRA Membership Card	Prize Money
08-Nov	Sat	Test & Tune	11am	\$10	N/A	N/A	<u>TWO DAYS</u> COMPETITION: \$225 COMP BIKE, S/SEDAN: \$205 S/EAGLE, S/ST, DRAG WARS & MOD BIKE: \$160 JD's & TEEN RACERS: \$55	<u>TWO DAYS</u> COMPETITION: \$190 COMP BIKE, S/SEDAN: \$170 S/EAGLE, S/ST, DRAG WARS & MOD BIKE: \$125 JD's & TEEN RACERS: \$30	N/A
09-Nov	Sun	COMPETITION MEETING 1	930am	\$25	Top Comp, Pro Comp, Super Comp, Comp (brackets determined by qual positions)	17 or 18 the bottom class will pick up all the remaining qualifiers	<u>ONE DAY</u> COMPETITION: \$165 COMP BIKE, S/SEDAN: \$145 S/EAGLE, S/ST, DRAG WARS, MOD BIKE: \$100 JD's & TEEN RACERS: \$45	<u>ONE DAY</u> COMPETITION: \$140 COMP BIKE, S/SEDAN: \$120 S/EAGLE, S/ST, DRAG WARS & MOD BIKE: \$75 JD's & TEEN RACERS: \$20	Top Comp = \$1000 Pro Comp = \$750 Super Comp = \$500 Comp = \$300
					Competition Bike	16			End of season
					Super Sedan	Unlimited			End of season
					Screamin Eagles, Junior Dragster, Super Street/Teen Champs, Drag Wars & Modified Bike	Unlimited			End of season
22-Nov	Sat	Test & Tune	11am	\$10	REFER COMPETITION MEETING 1 COSTS				
23-Nov	Sun	COMPETITION MEETING 2 FEATURING OUTLAW 71	930am	\$25					
17-Jan	Sat	IHRA NZ NATIONAL DRAG RACING SERIES WELLINGTON INVASION ROUND 2	9.30am	\$30	All Rulebook Classes <u>AS PER</u> IHRA NZ RULE BOOK	Rulebook	GROUP 1 = \$180 / SCO & GROUP 2 = \$150 / SUPER SEDAN & MODIFIED = \$120 SUPER STREET, SCREAMIN' EAGLE, MODIFIED BIKE = \$80 JUNIOR DRAGSTER = \$20, DAY AFFILIATION = \$25 If there are less than 4 entries in a class, prizemoney and/or the value will only be paid at NAPA AUTO PARTS DRAGWAY / MDI Board discretion.	GROUP 1 = \$1500 Group 2&SCO = \$500 Modified&S/Sedan = \$300 S/Street, Mod Bike & Scr Eagles = \$200 J/Dragster = \$100	
31-Jan	Sat	COMPETITION MEETING 3 FEATURING Vintage Gassers	930am	\$25	Refer COMP 1 (excl Test & Tune)		COMPETITION: \$165 COMP BIKE, S/SEDAN: \$145 SCR EAGLE, S/ST & DRAG WARS, MOD BIKE: \$100 JD's & TEEN RACERS: \$45	COMPETITION: \$140 COMP BIKE, S/SEDAN: \$120 SCR EAGLE, S/ST & DRAG WARS, MOD BIKE: \$75 JD's & TEEN RACERS: \$20	
21-Feb	Sat	COMPETITION MEETING 4 FEATURING Street Car Shoot Out & Outlaw 71	930am	\$25	REFER COMPETITION MEETING 3 COSTS				
7-Mar and 8-Mar	Sat and Sun	IHRA NZ NATIONALS 2025/6 SERIES FINALS	930am	Sat - \$20 Sun - \$30	All Rulebook Classes <u>AS PER</u> IHRA NZ RULE BOOK	Rulebook	Refer race entry costs for Wellington Invasion (Round 4 above) If there are less than 4 entries in a class, prizemoney and/or the prizemoney value will be only paid at MDI Board discretion.	GROUP 1 = \$1500 Group 2&SCO = \$500 Modified&S/Sedan = \$300 S/Street, Mod Bike & Scr Eagles = \$200 J/Dragster = \$100	
21-Mar	Sat	COMPETITION MEETING 5	930am	\$25	REFER COMPETITION MEETING 3 COSTS				
TBC	Sat	NAPA SPONSORS & CREW FUN DAY	930am	\$10	THIS EVENT IS OPEN ONLY TO RACERS THAT HAVE RACED AT NAPA AUTO PARTS COMP MEETS FROM 31-OCT-25 TO 21-MAR-26		\$75 JD \$45	\$50, JD \$20	N/A