

# BYLAWS OF THE ARIZONA DRAG RACING ASSOCIATION

## ARTICLE I

The name of this non-profit corporation/organization shall be ARIZONA DRAG RACING ASSOCIATION. The organization shall be referred to in this document as ADRA or the ASSOCIATION. The Arizona Drag Racing Association will be headquartered in Maricopa County in the State of Arizona.

## ARTICLE II Definitions

**Section 1.** The term "Drag Racing", as used herein, is the automotive sport nationally recognized as Drag Racing as stated within the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA), available for participation by the general public. This is to differentiate it from the illegal activity of "Street Racing".

**Section 2.** The term "Drag Racer" or "Racer", as used herein, includes any individual who participates in the sport of Drag Racing.

## ARTICLE III Objective

The object of the ADRA shall be to promote, enhance, and support the sport of amateur and semi-professional sportsman drag racing in Arizona; to insure and promote a safer and more regular drag racing program; and for the benefit of all those who derive any interest or gain from said drag racing sport, for the following purposes:

- a) To collect and disburse information of interest to members.
- b) To hold regular meetings, within the sport, for reading of professional papers, interchange of knowledge, opinions, and discussions.
- c) To represent the sport in dealings with the governmental, trade and consumer groups.
- d) To coordinate and negotiate drag racing programs with drag strip promoters and to work with them in both a practical and fundamental manner to benefit all members of the public.
- e) To assist in the writing of regulations and codes and the production of standards and data for the benefit of all.
- f) To aid in the education of the public as to the promotion of safety in the sport and to put all drag type racing off the street and onto the supervised drag strip.
- g) To oversee and manage the payout of contingencies and points to members, of funds collected by the ADRA for that purpose.

## ARTICLE IV Members

**Section 1.** The membership of the ADRA shall not have an upper limit as to the number of members.

**Section 2.** Any individual, holding a valid driver's license, and expressing an interest in organized drag racing shall be eligible for membership. A person having the above qualifications and upon full payment of annual dues, will be declared and recorded as a member of the ADRA. All members of the ADRA are entitled to one vote.

**Section 3.** The annual dues shall be forty dollars (\$40.00), payable in advance, on or before the anniversary date of the membership. The membership clerk / secretary shall notify members thirty days in advance, and those whose dues are not paid within sixty days thereafter shall be automatically dropped from membership in the ADRA. All Elected and Appointed Officers of the Board of Directors shall have full membership and shall have their annual dues waived.

**Section 4.** Membership in the ADRA shall be permanent until, a) dues become delinquent, b) a member is suspended or expelled by the membership for violation of these bylaws, or any rule or practice properly adopted by the ADRA, or

conduct prejudicial to the interest of the ADRA – such suspension or expulsion shall be by majority vote of the entire active membership, c) the member resigns - any member desiring to resign from the ADRA shall submit his/her current membership card to the Secretary, who shall present it to the Executive Board for action.

**Section 5.** Upon the signed recommendation of one member, seconded by another member, and by a majority vote by ballot at a regular meeting, life membership can be conferred upon a regular member of the ADRA who shall have rendered exceptionally notable service to the ADRA. A life member shall have all of the privileges and obligations of a regular member except annual dues will be waived.

**Section 6.** Upon the signed recommendation of one member, seconded by another member, and by a majority vote by ballot at a regular meeting, honorary membership can be conferred upon an individual or group who shall have rendered notable service to the ADRA. An honorary member shall have none of the obligations of membership in the ADRA, but shall be entitled to all of the privileges except those of making motions, of voting, and of holding office. If at some time the honorary member becomes a regular member, the honorarium will be rescinded.

**Section 7.** Any group, or business, or individual who becomes a sponsor of ADRA races shall receive an associate membership. The sponsorship consists of a donation of contingency moneys for the ADRA Series. This membership shall have the privileges and obligations of an associate member. The sponsor shall also receive a non-paid advertisement in the ADRA website.

## **ARTICLE V** **Officers**

**Section 1.** The Officers of the ADRA shall be as follows: President, Vice President (a minimum of one but not more than two), Secretary and Treasurer. If no other individuals are nominated to hold an Officer position and the current Officer wishes to remain in their respective role for longer than two (2) years they may do so with a vote by email. A simple majority vote of members via email vote will confirm the Officer for another term. A simple majority vote will consist of counting only the votes received within the voting time period. When a vote is not received from a member within the voting time period the member will be considered to have abstained from voting and the vote will not be counted. The Officers will receive no compensation except that the Association will pay their annual dues. These Officers shall perform the duties described by the bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the ADRA. The management, affairs, business, and concerns of the ADRA shall be vested in the Officers. Division of responsibilities amongst the officers of the ADRA is to be done at the discretion of the president and vice presidents.

**Section 2.** Nominations for changes to the ADRA leadership can be made at the monthly meetings as required to maintain proper management and organization of ADRA. Nominations shall be communicated and voted upon at monthly ADRA meetings and via e-mail by the membership.

**Section 3.** The Officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for two years, or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the opening of the next regular meeting after which they are elected.

**Section 4.** In the event that an Officer except President is unable to complete their term, the remaining Officers will select and appoint from the general membership, a replacement for the vacated office, for the non-expired term of office. In the event that the office of President is vacated, the Vice President will then assume the office of President for the non-expired term of office.

**Section 5.** No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, unless voted on by majority vote of the entire active membership.

**Section 6.** Each Officer shall have one vote in deciding the business of the ADRA.

**Section 7.** The President must be an active member. He/she shall preside at all regular meetings of the Association, and at the executive meetings. He/she shall appoint all committees, except as otherwise provided, and shall be member ex-officio, with the right to vote on all committees. He/she shall also, at the executive meetings of the ADRA, and at such other times as he/she may deem proper, communicate to the members or to the Officers such matters, and make suggestions as may in his/her opinion tend to promote the prosperity and welfare of, and increase the usefulness of the ADRA, and shall perform such other duties as are necessarily incidental to the office of President.

**Section 8.** The Vice President(s) shall, in the absence of the President, preside at all meetings, and assume the responsibilities of the President. He/she shall assume all duties assigned to him/her by the Officers.

**Section 9.** The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the seal of the ADRA. He/she shall receive all deposit slips from the staff of the ADRA, pay all checks for expenditures, and keep a correct record of all the receipts and disbursements. The funds, books, and checks, shall be at all times, subject to the inspection and verification by the Officers, and/or active members. He/she shall submit a complete financial statement monthly, or at the request of active members, including income and expenses. The Treasurer shall dispense no money in amounts over one hundred dollars (\$100.00) except and only when the expenditure has been approved by the Officers. The President of the ADRA may choose to also perform the duties of treasurer. If so, the president (or appointed officer) is responsible to manage and perform all of the duties listed for the office of treasurer.

**Section 10.** The Secretary shall record meeting minutes and maintain records of all minutes of meetings, both general and board meetings. Minutes are to be posted for the membership to review on the ADRA website.

**Section 11.** The Officers of the ADRA will be held harmless by the Association from liability to third persons, resulting from any actions in their capacity as such Officers, or when engaged in the affairs or business of the ADRA. The Association will not assume any such liability caused by the willful misconduct of any Officer.

#### **ARTICLE VI** **Use of Name**

The Arizona Drag Racing Association shall not allow its name, initials or insignia to be used in commercial work, except to indicate membership, or compliance with ADRA programs, in accordance with these bylaws and rules.

#### **ARTICLE VII** **Meetings**

**Section 1.** The regular meetings of the ADRA shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise ordered by the ADRA or by the Executive Board.

**Section 2.** A simple majority of members present at a regular meeting of the ADRA shall constitute a quorum.

#### **ARTICLE VIII** **Board of Directors**

**Section 1.** The Officers of the ADRA shall constitute the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the ADRA between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the ADRA, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the ADRA, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the ADRA.

**Section 3.** Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, regular meetings of the Board shall be held as needed.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Committees**

**Section 1.** The President shall be ex-officio a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

**Section 2.** All Committee Chairpersons, standing or special, shall be considered as Board Members for the term of the Committee.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Contingencies / Points / Races**

**Section 1.** It will be the responsibility of any member wishing to race for contingency moneys to sign an ADRA Release Form before each racing event. This constitutes signing in and paying the entry free. Providing that membership is up to date, the entry fee at the race is forty dollars (\$40.00) for Super Pro (electronics) Gambler, or twenty dollars (\$20.00) for Pro (non-electronic) Gambler.

You do not need to be a member to race, however an additional charge for non-members will apply. Non-members will not receive any contingency points, or other perks. (SEE RACE RULES)

**Section 2.** It will be the responsibility of any member wishing to race for contingency moneys to display two ADRA contingency decals, one on each side of the competing vehicle, during competition.

**Section 3.** All contingency ADRA Race payouts will be based upon car count in both the Super Pro (electronics) Gambler and Pro (non-electronic) Gambler classes, unless a full race sponsorship has been secured for that event. Payouts to Runner-ups and Semi's will also be determined by car count.

**Section 4.** Members who participate in an ADRA race are awarded points that are accumulated for each ADRA race, and the Top Point Winners at the end of the race season are awarded prizes and trophies. The point schedule is as follows: Ten (10) points are awarded for entering the race and passing technical inspection. Each round (racer must come to the line and stage the vehicle) counts for ten (10) points. Winner of the race receives ten (10) additional points. Points are also awarded for qualifying position, which is based on the best reported reaction time during the two or three qualifying sessions allowed by the participating track.

Points for the top ten qualifiers at each race are as follows:

#1 Qualifier – ten (10) points; #2 Qualifier – nine (9) points; #3 Qualifier – eight (8) points; #4 Qualifier – seven (7) points; #5 Qualifier – six (6) points; #6 Qualifier – five (5) points; #7 Qualifier – four (4) points; #8 Qualifier – three (3) points; #9 Qualifier – two (2) points; #10 Qualifier – one (1) point.

All time slips of each racer must be reported to the ADRA scorekeeper after each round to establish qualifying points. Thirty (30) Bonus Points will be awarded to any racer attending all scheduled races in a season.

**Section 5.** The amount paid in contingency moneys for each win or runner-up slip for a non-ADRA race, only if said race does not coincide with an ADRA race, submitted by a racer will be determined by the amount in the general operating fund during that given month. The contingency money is paid as follows: Winner - \$10.00 and Runner-Up - \$5.00. No contingency moneys will be paid if the operating fund is below one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Each racer is allowed a total of four slips for contingency and the slips must be presented within sixty days of the race dates on the time slips, and will only be allowed one contingency slip per race day. All winner or runner-up slips submitted are subject to verification and must be signed by a racetrack official or by an ADRA Board Member present at the particular race. Contingency money will be paid to the member at the regular scheduled general meeting. The driver, by accepting the winnings, will automatically allow publication of his/her winnings, car name, ET, MPH, and any other pertinent information in the ADRA Newsletter or any other publications the ADRA submits articles to.

**Section 6.** Scheduled race dates are coordinated with Arizona's current active drag strips.

**Section 7.** Current ADRA race rules will apply to all current members and non-members. (SEERACE RULES)

**Section 8.** ADRA shall have a volunteer member scorekeeper for each race who will collect entry fees, record reaction times during qualifying, record winners of each round of competition for points, pay all winners accordingly, and report results to the ADRA Board of Directors along with funds for the ADRA general fund.

**Section 9.** If, during the course of an ADRA race, a dispute should arise, the ADRA Race Director(s) shall be the final decision maker(s) regarding the dispute, provided it has nothing to do with track safety regulations and NHRA rules, and the rules enforced by participating track officials.

**Section 10.** Each participating track shall reserve the right to cancel a race due to inclement weather or track problems. ADRA leadership will work with local tracks to reschedule races in order to complete the scheduled race season. Any changes to the race schedule will be communicated to the membership at the monthly meetings; posted on the ADRA website; and via e-mail as required.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

##### **Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER - NEWLY REVISED shall govern the ADRA in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the ADRA may adopt.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

##### **Amendment of Bylaws**

These bylaws can be amended by a simple majority vote. The amendment must be submitted in writing and published to the membership to be voted on. A simple majority vote will consist of counting only the votes received within the voting time period. When a vote is not received from a member within the voting time period the member will be considered to have abstained from voting and the vote will not be counted.