

Drag Racing Basics

This section is for newcomers to Marion County Raceway, and serves as a refresher for our regular racers. Street Night: After paying your race fee at the pit gate, proceed to the tech Building for your wristband and tech inspection card. A MCR representative at the tech Building will ask to see your driver's license. After receiving these items proceed to the tech area located at the end of the staging lanes for inspection.

Wristband must be placed on the driver's wrist when issued. Wristbands are required for all drivers. Additionally, all crew members wishing to ride as a co-driver (where allowed) must obtain a wristband. Under State of Ohio law, swapping wristbands is considered a theft of services and punishable as a criminal offense. Marion County Raceway LLC, has adopted a Zero Tolerance policy for this act. Anyone caught swapping wristbands (this includes, but is not limited to wearing a wristband not issued to them, cutting and taping a wristband) shall be immediately removed from the premises.

Fill out the appropriate portions of your tech card and wait for the next available tech inspector. This MCR representative will ask to see your driver's license, wristband and ask for you tech card. Vehicles successfully passing tech inspection process will be assigned a number and directed into the staging lanes.

When your lane is pulled, you must be ready to race. Being race ready means seat belts are fastened, windows closed (including sunroof) and lights on (when applicable). The Staging Director will guide you toward the burnout area. If you choose to do a burnout, follow the directions of the Water Box Technician. After completing your burnout, proceed immediately to the starting line.

Approach the starting line until your front tire activates the pre-stage light. From there, inch your way forward until your rear tire causes the stage light to come on. This signals the starter that you are ready to race.

Time your start so that your vehicle is leaving just as the green light comes on. (A perfect reaction time is .500 seconds). Continue accelerating until you cross the finish line.

If you believe that your vehicle is leaking fluids on the racing surface, or there is a malfunction, pull over immediately and wait for track personnel to assist.

Begin to decelerate as soon as you cross the finish line and continue down track until the third turn. Watch for Top End personnel at this turn for guidance in exiting the track. Remember, the vehicle in the right lane has the right of way. Proceed immediately to the time slip booth, obeying the posted speed limit of 10 MPH en route.

Your time slip is a detailed record of your run. It provides you with your reaction time, and elapsed time readings at the 60', 330', 1/8th mile and 1/4 mile mark. In addition, it provides you with MPH reading at the 1/8th and 1/4 mile. This data will help you evaluate your run.

After reading the data, you may choose to cool down your vehicle in the pit area or proceed back to the staging lanes for another run. Do not cool down your vehicle in the staging lanes.

All racers are responsible for being familiar and in compliance with current Marion County Raceway LLC, and IHRA rules. Depending upon the severity of the

infraction, one warning will be given to a driver found in violation of the rules. A second violation during the same event may subject the offender to immediate disqualification and eviction. This includes, but is not limited to; inoperable tail lights, and not having a fire jacket or suit when running an elapsed time of 11.49 seconds or quicker.