



PDRC CHICAGO SHOOTOUT RULES 2026

RACE SEEDING:

- All Brackets will be seeded on the fastest Reaction Time (RT) from any qualifying session. If you run quicker than your respective cut off, you will be placed at the bottom of the field.
- Lane choice is determined by the fastest dial-in time in that pairing.

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 move to the burnout box 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 after pre-staging to be fully staged to commence the race.
- Any competitor who stages in an un-sportsman like manner without giving their opponent reasonable time to stage will be ordered back out of stage by the starter.
- Racers should please talk to their opponent to find out their burnout procedure to ensure both have adequate time to prepare their cars for your run.

RACING:

- All racing will follow IHRA rules and regulations for Group Three dial-your-own-racing.
- The First or 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 count back will be made to establish the finalists. The criteria will be as follows:

1. Two racers with three round wins each – automatic entry into the final regardless of red lights or breakouts.
2. 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. RT 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, do not see tower or track staff.

THE MEETING DIRECTOR'S DECISION IS FINAL!