COVID-19 UPDATE (may 14, 2020)

We first want to extend our gratitude for your continued support during this challenging time. Our hearts go out to those impacted by Covid-19, and our main concern remains the health and safety of our visitors, our employees and our community.

**\*IF YOU ARE SICK STAY HOME\***

the start of the season is still planned for

may 29-31

We will be adhere to all [**Canadian Public Health Services**](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html) restrictions and/or guidelines as we prepare to move forward. We will remain vigilant to any recommendations made by the health authorities and will adjust and adapt as required.

The health and well-being of our Race Teams, Guests, and community has always and continues to be our top priority.

The MHDRA Executive Team will be working remotely until further notice; questions or comments may be directed to **davetoth@telusplanet.net** our Office phone messages will be monitored daily, please be patient as it may take a day or 2 to return your call.

We look forward to welcoming you to another exciting race season in the very near future

MHDRA is excited to announce, our facility will **OPEN MAY 29-31** under the [**Alberta Outdoor Recreation Phase 1 Guidelines**](https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-guidance-outdoor-recreation.pdf). Please understand our intention- there will be

N**O FANS or SPECTATORS PERMITTED** until further notice.

In consideration to exceed all COVID-19 ‘stop the spread’ guidelines, we have been in coordination with many Western Canadian motorsport facilities to develop a common set of guidelines specific to our industry. We feel that with unity, comes wisdom, and a greater opportunity to learn and enhance the new recommended protocols. It is our absolute conviction we can move forward with exclusive PARTICIPANT based programs while strictly adhering to all of Alberta Health Services’ social/physical distancing requirements, enhanced sanitation protocols, and operational staff guidance.

The following information details immediate plan to action; please review carefully, we will do our best to provide clarity and answer questions to the best of our ability at this time.

**PARTICIPANT BASED EVENTS- OPEN FOR BUSINESS:**
Participant competition and enthusiast based programs meeting AHS compliance includes, but not limited to the following:

COVID-19 PRACTICES & POLICIES - DRAG COMPETITON: SUBJECT TO CHANGES

MAY 14, 2020

DRAG COMPETITION

* The following policies and procedures have been put into place to help our motorsport community adjust to the new social/physical distancing reality following the Covid-19 outbreak. Please be patient with us (this is all new- we’re adjusting too); we’ll do our absolute best to make the 2020 Race Season fun, efficient, and SAFE for everyone.

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* All Drag Bracket Competitors, Crew, Friends and Family members entering the facility via the Drag Competitors Gate MUST complete the Electronic online WAIVER OF LIABILITY prior to entering the facility on Race Day (All Adult Participants- Drivers, Riders & Crew; Minor Participant-Junior Dragster, and Minor Attendee- Family and Friends entering the Drag Gate Under 18 years. The MHDRA Team will “Check You In” upon arrival, please be sure to complete a Waiver for all persons in your Race Team/Family
* For the ease and efficiency of the MHDRA Team and your fellow competitors please be sure to complete the online Waiver in full. Hard Copy/Paper Waivers WILL be made available but we highly recommend online.

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 PIT/PADDOCK SPACE

* All Drivers, Crew & Family should remain in their designated Pit Stall; limit interaction to essential needs only (i.e. Restroom, Concession). Families who ‘live’ together can stay & play together.
* Government Mandated Physical Distancing; failure to adhere to all regulations will result in immediate expulsion from the facility, multiple infractions will result in all overnight/camping privileges to Racers, Families & Friends staying overnight at the facility are required to respect the Alberta be indefinitely suspended-FOR EVERYONE!
* Please help us keep our Motorsport Community Happy & Safe
* GRANDSTANDS: Crew Grandstand adjacent to the Staging Lanes will be CLOSED until further notice. Please utilize the Large Grandstands on the south side of the Drag Strip while adhering to social distancing guidelines. Please practice social distancing (2 meters) while seated.
* Please respect social distancing while using the restroom areas; limits number of people to the number of stalls in restroom. WASH YOUR HANDS
* All Porta Potty bathrooms will be closed the main washroom will be open and will be cleaned on a regular schedule throughout the day

* \*All pit fires are not allowed until further notice\*
* \*The Playground will be off-limits/closed until further notice\*

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 STAGING & COMPETITION

* The Staging Lanes & Start Line Area will be restricted to essential persons. Only Car/Driver/Rider & ONE designated Crew Member (if deemed essential) will be permitted into the Staging area. The MHDRA Management Team retains the right to determine essential competition “Crew” needs.
* We will only be using every second staging lane.
* Keep a full car length between you and the vehicle ahead of you; wait patiently until Staging Staff calls you into place.
* Run groups larger than 20 “may” be called in 2 separate run groups- listen to Staging Staff and PA Announcements carefully for directions. Staging Lanes will be staggered for distancing and efficiency.
* ALL Drivers MUST remain in their vehicles while in Staging Area.
* There will be no congregating in and around the tower/burnout boxes.

ET SLIPS:

* Et slips will be given out as normal. Please grab your slip and drive on no stopping and reading slip.

DO NOT APROACH STAFF: Competitors, Crew, and Guests will not be permitted to enter the Tower or to approach Staff directly until further notice; a designated Staff member with Race Control Communication will be available to answer questions and assist you if necessary.

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PURSE- All Saturday payouts will be delivered Sunday morning to the individual’s pit. Payouts will be dropped off at your designated Pit Stall following the conclusion of the event on Sunday. Please DO NOT approach a Staff Member or Race Control

RUN LADDERS- Ladders will be posted as normal for now but social distancing will be in effect. We will call the class down as soon as the ladder is posted for each class. If it becomes too many people we will not post them so please give us your info below.

 We are asking for everyone’s email or cell number on tech card so we can send ladders out email and text to your phone as this will help us eliminate posting ladders.

 TECH

* TECH CARDS will be available on line to print off before entering facility. We will still hand out at gate as normal but we are going to enforce the online cards.

<http://www.nhraracer.com/Files/membertracktechcard.pdf>

* During Tech- Driver must remain in their vehicle at all times. All drivers/riders must have some kind of mask coming to tech.
* Hand your Tech Card to Staff Member through your partially rolled down window

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April 20, 2020

 AT THE CONNCESSIONS

* All Food Services Staff will be wearing wear Gloves & Face Masks; Hair will be tied and covered.
* Credit & Debit Card and Cash may be received at this time. Tap is preferred.
* THERE WILL BE NO ATM ON SITE
* Pin Pads, Registers, & High Touch Surfaces Sanitized Regularly at concession and gate.
* No Reusable Cups at this time
* Bottled Beverages Only
* Limited Menu- all items must be prepared and close packaged by a Staff Member with AB Food Handling Certification.
* Modified Condiments; Condiments will be provided by MHDRA Concession Team upon request.
* Please uphold the social distancing initiatives; do not reach/lean into the food services area. Please respect and adhere to Social distancing markers and directional signage.
* Competitors, guests, and Staff are NOT permitted to enter the Concessions at any time until further notice.

##  COVID-19 POLICY

The new Covid-19 policies and procedures include, but not limited to the outline below to help our motorsport community adjust to the new social/physical distancing reality following the Covid-19 outbreak. Please be patient with us (this is all new- we’re adjusting too); we’ll do our absolute best to make the 2020 Race Season fun, efficient, and SAFE for everyone.

Subject to change without notice.

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* All Staff MUST maintain a minimum of 6ft physical distancing at all times; NO CONGREGATING in one area will be permitted.
* Essential/Scheduled personal only permitted on site (officials and facility)
* Masks and gloves will be provided and required to be worn at all times
* Hand sanitizer will be provided at key staffing locations
* Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
* Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow
* Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
* Watch for COVID-19 symptoms: cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat

WAIVERS

All Drag Bracket Competitors, Crew, Friends and Family members entering the facility via the Drag Competitors Gate **MUST** complete the Electronic WAIVER OF LIABILITY prior to entering the facility on Race Day. The MHDRA Team will “Check You In” via an electronic kiosk upon arrival.
For the ease and efficiency of the MHDRA Team and your fellow competitors please be sure to complete the electronic Waiver in full. **Hard Copy/Paper Waivers WILL be made available**; but preference is the electronic.

##### [ADULT PARTICIPANT WAIVER](https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5ec0adade5b2a/web/)

##### [MINOR PARTICIPANT WAIVER](https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5ec2ac1407f82/web/)

##### [MINOR ATTENDEE WAIVER](https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5ec2b3a2d8b24/web/)

NHRA CHASSIS CERTIFICATION

Date: **CANCELLED**

**ATTENTION MEDICINE HAT AB AREA RACERS:**
Due to there not being any improvement regarding the Covid-19 virus crisis, the decision has been made to cancel the Medicine Hat AB Chassis Inspection Seminar at this time, which was originally scheduled for Saturday April 4th at Spider Electric. At this time and in light of recent changes to NHRA’s Chassis Inspection Process (see below), this event will likely not be rescheduled. Please refer to the official NHRA information posted below.
Hopefully the Covid-19 situation will subside early enough for the NHRA Drag Racing season to proceed which would allow racers to have chassis inspections performed at events. Anyone that has questions or concerns can call the NHRA Division 6 Tech Line @ 306-262-6472. Thank you in advance for your understanding. Practice social distancing and self isolate or work from home if you are able to. Stay safe and wishing everyone good health.
Link to NHRA Official Posting on [**www.nhraracer.com**](http://nhraracer.com/content/general.asp?articleid=71819&zoneid=132)

Summary of Official Posting: In light of the current Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, The NHRA is announcing the following changes to our Chassis Inspection process.

Chassis Inspections •

Any chassis due for inspection prior to January 1, 2020 needs to be re-inspected before they can run their car. • Any new chassis will be permitted to use the 90 day chassis inspection form process. •

* Any chassis expiring January 31, 2020 must be re-inspected by June 30, 2020. •
* Any chassis expiring February 29, 2020 must be re-inspected by July 31, 2020. •
* Any chassis expiring March 31, 2020 must be re-inspected by August 31, 2020 •
* Any chassis expiring April 30, 2020 must be re-inspected by September 30, 2020 •
* Any chassis expiring May 31, 2020 must be re-inspected by October 31, 2020 •
* Any chassis expiring June 30, 2020 must be re-inspected by November 30, 2020 •
* Any chassis expiring between July 31, 2020 and December 31, 2020 must be inspected on or before December 31, 2020 •
* Any chassis expiring after December 31, 2020 must be re-inspected by the original expiration date.

Any car running 9.99-seconds (6.39 1/8-mile) or quicker, or faster than 135 mph, in the quarter-mile is required to have the chassis inspected and an NHRA/SFI certification sticker affixed.  All Sportsman (6.00 & Slower) certification tags are valid for 3-years from the date of inspection; Pro (5.99 & Quicker) certification tags are valid for 1-year from the date of inspection.

MHDRA Raceway’s 1/4 mile drag strip is sanctioned by the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA). For more information, please visit [**www.NHRA.com**](http://www.nhra.com/)

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