



## INTERNATIONAL HOT ROD ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA

### Procedural Protests & Disqualifications

The Race Director or Technical Committee present at a meet shall have authority to disqualify any organization, automobile or participant from a meet. Officials and the Association shall have the right to publicize any disqualification. Disqualified participants, organizations or manufacturers shall have no legal or equitable right of action against officials of the Association for publicizing notice of disqualification.

Aggravated cases of flagrant violations shall be reported by a Race Director or Technical Committee to a three-man Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall have authority to suspend or expel permanently. Authority to suspend or expel is not confined to rule infractions which may occur during a race, but is extended to cover any and all infractions on or off a drag strip. Any suspended or expelled party may appeal to the Executive Committee within 30 days after the rendering of a penalty, and must fully set forth the facts of the case. A non-refundable filing fee of \$500 must accompany all appeals. All appeals must be submitted to IHRA Australia in writing. The appeal must contain specific information pertaining to the process and the reason for consideration of reinstatement. IHRA Australia shall determine in its sole discretion if an appeal is to be granted. If an appeal is granted, the hearing must be conducted in the IHRA Australia corporate office. IHRA Australia shall determine the parties that shall be allowed to participate in the appeals process and reserves the right to not permit parties that are not directly related to the case. Participants contesting non-technical disqualifications or suspension may not participate during the appeal process.

The parties concerned shall be given adequate notice of the hearing of any appeal and shall be entitled to call witnesses. The Executive Committee may affirm, increase, decrease or waive any suspension or expulsion. IHRA Australia shall have the right to publish the results of any appeal without liability to any person involved, who shall have no cause of action against IHRA Australia. In the event a person files litigation against the IHRA or one of its sanctioned facilities, that person, crew or family member will be suspended from competition and from entering restricted areas at all IHRA Australia sanctioned facilities until a settlement can be reached. If there is any amount of money owed to IHRA Australia by any racer, IHRA Australia has the right to suspend the license of any such racer until all monetary obligations are fully satisfied. IHRA Australia has the right to offset any sum owed to IHRA Australia from any future prize monies the racer may be entitled to receive.

IHRA Australia is entitled to suspend any member from competition if that member issues a check that is returned as "insufficient funds" and that amount remains outstanding for more than ten (10) days. Once IHRA Australia is notified that the outstanding balance has paid in full, the member's competition rights will be reinstated. Protest and appeal procedures may be revised from time to time. Any revisions will be issued in a tech bulletin on [IHRA.com.au](http://IHRA.com.au)

Any contestant disqualified for Infraction may lose all points for that particular event. Any car found illegal will be suspended from the event immediately. The period of suspension will be determined by the nature of the rule infraction, and will be set forth by the Competition Director. Any entry with an illegal cubic inch motor or refusing engine inspection will be suspended for one year from date of infraction.

The driver of any car found illegal at any time may be required to forfeit any points earned up to that point in the season. Any competitor who does not adhere to IHRA Australia mandated safety regulations within the IHRA Australia Supplementary App will be disqualified from the event, as well as lose all related points. Additional penalties may be imposed based on the severity of the infraction. Passing technical inspection does not exempt competitors from these stipulations. Some examples are as follows: Protective clothing and related equipment, restraint systems, fire systems and containment devices.