

OPEN COMP

2026 Amendments

04/01/20026 – Shifter rules changed to allow automated shifters

General Description

Open Comp class is designed for any year, make, and model vehicle & truck. Dragsters and roadsters prohibited. SUVs (such as Ford Explorer, Chevy Blazer, etc.) permitted. The Open Comp class will run on an Open Comp format with a .1 second breakout.

Qualifying Information, Ladder Type, & Tree

All Run, NHRA Sportsman Ladder, Pro .500 Tree, Handicap Start. Courtesy Stage. Laddered first round, paired according to qualifying positions, and then advance to eliminations. The class will be qualified by positive reaction time in the qualifying sessions. Positive reaction time (r/t) closest to “.000” based on a Pro .500 Tree. “.000” is considered perfect. Any negative r/t (-.001, -1.231, etc.) will be placed at the bottom of the qualifying ladder, the more negative the r/t is, the farther down the ladder the run will be placed. For cases in which identical reaction times are made, qualifying position will be based on the first competitor with that reaction time.

If weather has caused the loss of one or more rounds of qualifying sessions, any entrants not qualified will be required to choose an index of their choice, between 8.50 – 15.70. Competitors must submit their index to the race director prior to last qualifying session. Competitors will compete with their chosen index through eliminations. Any competitor who fails to submit their index on the qualifying day will automatically be assigned a 15.70 index.

ET LIMITS

The quickest qualifying ET permitted in this class is 8.60.

The slowest qualifying ET permitted in this class is 15.70.

Any qualifying pass quicker than 8.599 or slower than 15.701 will be disqualified and will not be counted. Competitor will be permitted to re-qualify if additional qualifying rounds are left.

If a competitor makes all Qualifying attempts under the class minimum of 8.600, that competitor will be placed at the bottom of the qualifying sheet and his index will be 8.70 for eliminations.

If a competitor makes all Qualifying attempts over the class maximum of 15.701, that competitor will be placed at the bottom of the qualifying order and their index will be 15.70 for eliminations.

RULES & REGULATIONS

Any modifications, vehicle weight, or power adders permitted. Electronically Controlled Pneumatic, electric, hydraulic, etc. shifters permitted. Trans-brakes and 2-steps permitted.

WHEELS

Spindle-mount front wheels prohibited.

TIRES

All Driven Tires must be DOT approved drag radials or race slicks.

CHASSIS

All vehicles must have a chassis that meets the guidelines set by SFI for their respective speed and elapsed time. A valid NHRA serialized Chassis sticker is mandatory for any car running 9.99 (6.39 = 1/8 mile) or quicker, or 135mph or faster at a NHRA member track.

RACING AIDS / IGNITION

Delay boxes, cross-over boxes, or any "reaction-time related" electronic bracket racing aids prohibited in this class. Mechanical throttle stop devices permitted (not adjustable during a run or from the driver's compartment). All Electronic Throttle Stops and related throttle-stop type accessories prohibited. All Ignition Components and/or Transbrake buttons must be on the approved NHRA list.

FUEL

Racing gasoline, gasoline, alcohol, gashohol, diesel, ethanol, natural gas, and propane permitted. Nitromethane prohibited.

LANE CHOICE

During qualifying and eliminations, it is the responsibility of the competitors to determine lane choice. If the competitors are unable to establish lane choice, a staging official will make the determination (i.e., coin flip, random choice, faster car, etc.)

DRIVER

The driver when in the vehicle, from the ready line until the vehicle is safely stopped on the return road, is required to have all safety restraint systems (including the helmet) on and be securely fastened in the vehicle at all times

CREDENTIALS

A Valid state or government issued driver's license beyond a learner/s permit level mandatory for cars running 10.00 or slower.

A Valid NHRA competition license is mandatory for cars running 9.99 or quicker, at an NHRA Member Track.