

Drag Racing Basics

This section is for newcomers to Tulsa Raceway Park and serves as a refresher for our regular racers. All racers should refer to the Track Rules and General/Safety Rules sections of this website for additional clarification.

- After paying your race fee at the pit gate, you will be provided with a tech card which you need to fill out and take to the Tech area located at the east end of the pits. A Tulsa Raceway Park official will inspect your car or motorcycle and provide you with a wristband and car number upon successfully passing the tech inspection. You will then be directed to the staging lanes.
- Wristband must be placed on the driver's wrist when issued. Switching wristbands during a race event is strictly prohibited and will subject the offenders to immediate eviction from Tulsa Raceway Park.
- When your lane is pulled, you must be ready to race. Being race ready means seatbelts 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 Supervisor. Do not begin burnout until the Starter and the Water Box Supervisor signal it is safe. 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 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. Continue accelerating until you cross the finish line.
- If you believe that your vehicle is leaking fluids on the racing surface, 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 First or Second turn off. Never, under any circumstance, should you turn around on the race track. If you miss the second turn, you should proceed to the end of the track and take the third exit. Remember, the vehicle in the left lane has the right of way. Obeying the posted speed limit in route back to the pits.
- 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, 1,000' and 1/4 mile mark. In addition, it provides you with a MPH reading at the 1/8th and 1/4 mile. This data will help you evaluate your run. Your time slip will be on the time slip app. (TulsaRp in the app store)
- 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 Tulsa Raceway Park and NHRA 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. This includes, but is not limited to; inoperable tail light, running quicker than 13.99 without a helmet and motorcycles running faster than 120 MPH without leather or Kevlar pants.