

# SOUTH WESTERN DRAG RACING ASSOCIATION

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I

#### Name

The name of this Association shall be South Western Drag Racing Association (SWDRA).

### ARTICLE II

#### Objectives

The objective of SWDRA shall be to promote and encourage the hobby and sport of drag racing; to provide a forum wherein the membership may voice their views, discuss mutual problems, take action on matters mutual interest; to provide the membership with a strong cohesive organization to represent them in obtaining the very best facilities and environment within which to conduct their sport or hobby; to encourage and promote automobile and highway safety and the general public welfare; to conduct and maintain activities on its own behalf or contribute to or otherwise assist other organizations and institutions carrying on such activities; to do any and all things or acts necessary or proper in the promotion of the general purposes hereof.

### ARTICLE III

#### Membership

##### A. Eligibility

Any person shall be eligible for membership in this association. Sex, race, creed, color, or national origin shall not render ineligible any person otherwise deemed eligible under the terms of these By-Laws.

##### B. Application for Membership

Any eligible person may become a member of this association by accomplishing all forms prescribed by the Executive Committee; the payment of all membership fees as fixed by the Executive Committee includes Tech. people.

##### C. Expulsion of Members

Any individual maybe banned from SWDRA by management. Any member of the Association who fails to comply with the Rules and By-Laws of the Association or who conducts himself or herself in a manner detrimental to the Association shall, upon finding of such facts by the Executive committee after a hearing, be expelled and his or her membership and the privileges conferred thereby shall be revoked.

##### D. Responsibilities of Members

All drivers are responsible for the actions of their families and pit crew before, during and after the races and at all official functions of the SWDRA. Disregard for this rule may result in an indefinite suspension from the track, as well as membership in SWDRA.

1. Fighting, inciting disturbances, etc., are strictly forbidden before, during and after the races and at all official functions of the SWDRA.
2. Drinking or being in an intoxicated condition before, and during the race is strictly forbidden.

E. Duties of Members

Members shall bring to the attention of the Committee (two persons who are part of the Executive committee) any activity or conduct considered not to be in the best interest and welfare of the Association, shall attend all meetings and exercise their voice and vote in the affairs of the Association.

#### ARTICLE IV

The Officers of the Association and the duties to be performed by them shall be:

- A. A President, who shall preside at all membership meetings and the meetings of the Executive committee, shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Association, act as official spokesperson for the Association when authorized by the Executive Committee, supervise all expenditures, supervise all committees and exercise any and all duties, powers and functions ordinarily incident to the duties of such office.
- B. A Vice-President, who shall succeed the President in the event of the latter's resignation or disability, shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President, and shall perform all such duties as may be assigned to him by the President. Dec. 2006 – Vice President will be handling all points turned in by SWDRA members. Vice-President, shall keep permanent record of all points earned by the membership of the Association, but shall not be responsible for solicitation of points earned.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer, who shall make and keep all minutes, records and correspondence of the Association and its Committees, shall maintain a record of memberships and car registrations, who shall be custodian of all the assets of the Association, shall make financial reports to the membership and to the respective Committee when called upon to do so, shall make payments to all bills when properly authorized by the Executive committee, shall collect all fees, assessments and other income and deposits the same in an official depository to be designated by the Executive Committee and to maintain all times an accurate record of all income and disbursements.

#### ARTICLE V

## Committees

### A. Executive committee

The management of the Association shall be governed by the Executive committee, which committee shall be composed of the five officers of the Association (comprised of President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and two Tech men). A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a forum at any regular, scheduled, special or other meeting. By way of enumeration and not limitation, the Executive Committee shall coordinate and establish rules and regulations to carry out the functions of the Association, shall select all working personal of the Association or compensation to be paid to them, to grant special memberships, such as honorary and non-participating members, to appoint any an all committees necessary for the proper functions of the Association, to do any and all things necessary or proper to carry out all provisions of these By-Laws and to safeguard and promote the best interest of the Membership.

## ARTICLE VI

## Fiscal Year

This Association shall operate on a fiscal year basis, said fiscal year beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and ending on October 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

## ARTICLE VII

## Membership Meeting

- A. There shall be at least two annual meetings of the membership of the Association to be held in the month of October of each year at a time and at a place to be designated by the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall notify all members of the time and place of such meeting at least 7 days prior to the convening thereof. The first of such meetings shall be for the purpose of nominating candidates for President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer of the Association. All such nominations shall be made from the floor. No later than (10) days following the first such nominating meeting, the second meeting shall take place, at which time all of the aforesaid officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present, and voting. Said officers to serve for a term of one (2) years. President will be offset in years by Vice-President and Treasurer/Secretary
- B. In addition to the annual meetings set forth above, special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee. Upon written petition of 51% of the membership, the Executive Committee shall call a special meeting for the purposes notified seven (7) days prior to the convening of said special meeting.

- C. An annual membership fee shall be fixed by the Executive committee and shall be payable after November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, and no later than the first meeting of the next calendar year. In addition, the Executive committee shall fix such membership fees and special assessments as maybe necessary for the existence or benefit of the Association. All disbursements of the funds of the Association shall be made by check wit the signatures of two members of the Executive committee being required to validate the name. All payments of funds of the Association shall have the prior approval of the Executive Committee and all books, records and reports of the Association shall be subject to the audit by an audit committee to be appointed from time to time by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE IX

### Procedure

- A. All meetings of the Association, as well as any of its committee, shall be in accordance with SWDRA rules of order and in keeping with democratic principles and traditions so that each member shall have a full opportunity to be heard and to present his or her views for consideration by the entire body.

## ARTICLE X

### Amendments

- A. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the membership.

## ARTICLE XI

### Effective Date

- A. These By-laws shall, when approved by a majority of the members present and voting at a special meeting called for the purpose of discussing said By-Laws, be effective as of November 2, 1976. Note- these By-Laws were approved by a majority of the members attending the meeting November 2, 1976.

## ARTICLE XII

### Amendments made

