

**ANDRA 2018/2019 Rulebook Rule Submission Title:
Junior Dragster Licence Age Increase to 18yrs Old**

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RULEBOOK REFERENCE:

2.4.1: JUNIOR COMPETITION LICENCE (JCL), page 62

(plus other references throughout section 3.2: JUNIOR DRAGSTER, pages 87 to 92)

RULE SUBMISSION INTENT:

To give all JD Competitors the opportunity to race for longer. Giving the JD Competitors and vehicle owners more value for their money invested and giving them more opportunity to race whilst they are young. Develop their skills and further grounding them in the sport which should benefit Drag Racing by increasing participation in the future.

That JD Competitors be allowed to race to the age of 18 years old, then be able to apply to ANDRA for a pro-rata extension to complete that current season after turning 18 years of age. Effectively adding 1 year to the current rule.

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Existing Text;

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CLASSES AFFECTED:

/JD – Junior Dragster

How does this rule protect the safety of participants and spectators?

N/A, safety is not affected by this rule change.

How is this rule a positive step for the sport?

Several reasons;

1. These vehicles cost a considerable amount of money to purchase and operate. The vehicle owners get more value for the money invested by enabling the JD Competitors to use them for longer.
2. A large number of JD Competitors are not going straight into the next category either not at all or waiting a few years (for whatever reason) to step up, also some competitors would like to keep racing a little longer in Junior Dragster.
3. It will give the JD Competitors that started later in the sport as well as the Western Australian JD Competitors an opportunity to make up for lost time.
4. It will benefit ANDRA financially by more licences and more entrants for events, now and in the future.
5. It will keep the JD Competitors and parents invested and grounded in the sport for longer which should contribute to their skill and learning and future participation.
6. NHRA and IHRA have increased their age limits.

What is the positive impact of the rule on other classes and brackets?

More entrants in events as well as this gives the JD Competitors and their families more time connected to the sport which should contribute to more racers in the future.

How does the rule ensure increased opportunity for even competition?

It doesn't really affect or change this.

Some sports you could argue it might give the older JD Competitors an advantage over the younger JD Competitors but in Drag Racing quite often the younger JD Competitors are as good or better than the older JD Competitors.

Describe how the rule is practical and enforceable?

No change from how it is enforced currently.

Describe how the cost of complying with the rule is reasonable for competitors?

No extra cost, it actually gives the JD competitor longer use out of the money invested in the vehicle.

This category has evolved quite a bit since its inception and can be quite expensive, for example; A larger frame car is purchased when the JD Competitor is around the age of 13, currently they will only get to race it for just over 3 years. So it would be good for the JD Competitors to be able to race for longer to get more value for the money spent.