

About **the** **O'Reilly** **AUTO PARTS** **Jr. Drag Racing** **LEAGUE**



Founded in 1992, the JDRL has approximately 4,000 drivers.

The NHRA O'Reilly Auto Parts Jr. Drag Racing League (JDRL) competes on an eighth-mile distance.

Jr. Dragsters are half-scale dragsters powered by five-horsepower engines that can produce speeds up to 85 mph.

The average age of a Jr. drag racer is 12.

Anyone can join the JDRL, but kids must be ages 8 to 17 to compete as drivers.

Drivers ages 8 to 9 may run as quick as 12.90 seconds (about 45 mph) on the eighth-mile. Drivers 13 to 17 may run as quick as 7.90 seconds.

The states with the most competitors are California, Texas, and Florida.

A basic Jr. Dragster costs about \$5,000. The helmet, clothing, and other equipment are additional.

About 35 percent of JDRL members are female.

The JDRL is one of two NHRA youth programs. Youth & Education Services is the other.

It costs \$15 per year to join the JDRL (\$25 for drivers), which includes a year's subscription to Jr. DRAGSTER (six issues).

Competitors at the JDRL Eastern and Western Conference Finals are divided into eight age categories (8-9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16-17).

The highlight of the JDRL racing season is the NHRA O'Reilly Auto Parts Jr. Drag Racing League Eastern and Western Conference Finals; \$100,000 in savings bonds will be given away at each.

About 130 tracks in North America have JDRL programs.