

WHPSC 2024 Start Order Selection

Process Start Order will be posted at the Civic Center each day.

Start order for each evening and following morning will be decided each day at the racers' meeting in the Civic Center following the morning sessions. Any rider wishing to qualify the next day will need to state their intentions at that meeting. Evening racers' meetings will be only for announcing times, and will be kept as short as possible.

Start order system:

Each morning, there will be four or five heats with four or five vehicles in each heat, as time allows. There will typically be a mixture of 2.5 mile runs for qualifying, and 5 mile runs for speed; the exceptions are Sunday when there are only qualifying runs, and Saturday when there will be only 5 mile runs.

Each evening, there are a maximum of three heats with four vehicles each. This makes for a maximum of 12 runs. Tradition holds that the last heat of the day is the most likely one for new world records to be set, although there have been some exceptions.

Each rider based on a seeding system based on percentage will choose heats.

Your percentage will be determined by dividing your top speed in the category in which you are racing (ignoring if the run was wind legal) over the current world record in your category. If there is no existing world record, then your percentage is zero.

The rider with the highest percentage will choose a heat first, and then we will continue down the roster until all heats are filled. If there is a tie, then the faster rider will pick first.

At each morning meeting we will be assigning slots (starting positions) for that evening and the following morning. Racers that want to run both in the evening and the next morning must pick their second preferred heat after everyone has picked a heat for their first run.

Most racers pick both a morning and an evening run to give themselves flexibility. There is no penalty for choosing not to run in a reserved slot **if you are present at start** before the beginning of your heat. However if you elect not to run and you do not show up at start for the relevant heat, you must inform the starter or the race director at least three hours before a given heat begins. If you do not inform race officials, they reserve the right to adjust your seeding downwards by a minimum of five positions for the next session of seeding.

Each racer will only be allowed to run a maximum of once in the morning, and once in the evening. Exceptions will only be made for incomplete runs, at the discretion of race officials.

One "on deck" slot will be offered in each heat. These can be selected after everyone has been accommodated in a regular slot. Each racer can only choose one "on deck" slot each day.

There will be a 45 mph minimum speed required to run on the 5 mile course and a 60 mph minimum speed required for evening heats.

The start order within each heat will be assigned by the starter, based on absolute speed (faster before slower).

Sunday Qualifying: Start order will be assigned at the **Mandatory meeting Saturday Sept 7, 2023** at 7:00 pm at the Civic Center. Each rider will draw a number. Starting with 1, each rider will choose the heat they would like to run in. The starter will assign order within heats.

Sunday night - Monday morning: start order will be determined by Qualifying speed sorted by percentage system.

Monday evening - Saturday: start order will be determined by top speed percentage in either qualifying or 5 mile course.

The organizers or starting official reserve the right to change the start order at any time.

If you arrive during the week after Monday morning, you must qualify as per above, and your qualifying speed will determine your seeding for choosing heats at the next midday meeting. Qualification runs are only done in the morning.

Teams should be ready to launch on time. We suggest being at the start (either 2.5 mile or 5 mile) 1 hour before your heat. Road closures can be up to 30 minutes and you don't want to miss your heat.