

Organiser guidelines for M21AS (Sledge) at Australian 3-Days

The M21AS (Sledge) competition at Easter is well established. Many of its features are arranged by the Sledge coordinator (currently Mark Shingler). While the spirit of the competition is informal, this document is designed so that organisers know what will be expected of them.

Courses

Course lengths are according to OA standards for multi-day events (see Appendix 1 of OA Competition Rules). However, because of the requirements around starts (see below), it is preferred that M21AS has its own course.

Forking may be considered on day 1, given the mass start.

One of the traditional Sledge awards is for the 'king of the mountain', for the fastest split each day on a downhill leg selected by the organisers. This leg needs to be made known to competitors before the start and should be identified on control descriptions if possible.

Starts

Starts are usually arranged as follows. On day 1 M21AS may require its own start, depending on how far other starts are from the arena.

Day 1 - Mass start as close to the arena as possible (need to have the group photo in front of the Portaloos beforehand).

Day 2 - Reverse chasing start at 1 min intervals.

Day 3 - chasing start. A true chasing start for the first 30 mins i.e., based on time behind the leader, then 1 min intervals after that.

If possible, on day 3, a mass start for the slower Sledgers, i.e. those who are 90 mins the leader after the first two days, a few minutes before the leader goes off. This way everyone should be back in time for the final Sledge presentation.

[Some event software may have difficulty in handling the allocation of new start lists on day 2. In such a case an option may be to use a punching start.](#)

Awards

Awards on each day are the responsibility of the Sledge coordinator. The only requirement for the organisers is to make available a suitable location and timeslot.

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