

2016 Australian 3-Days Explanatory Notes for the Start Lists

The 2016 Australian 3-Days Start Lists are presented in two sections:

- The Prologue
- The Three-Days

Start Numbers. The first point to note is the Start numbers which were assigned as follows:

- Elite competitors with a national elite ranking within the top 50 as at 31 December 2015 and entered in at least one elite event were assigned a number based on their ranking.
- Elite competitors not ranked within the top 50 as at 31 December 2015 and entered only in elite classes were assigned a number between 51 and 100 for men and between 151 and 200 for women.
- All other competitors were assigned a number from 201 onwards.
- However, for the Prologue, the competitors' Start numbers in the Start lists have been modified, except for competitors who are competing only in elite classes whose numbers have not been modified. For all other competitors who have entered the Prologue (Elite or Public) their numbers have been modified to put them into a 1000 series as the event software, OE2010, will not accept the same the Start number for two entries (in this case competitors entering different classes in the Public Prologue and Three-Days).
- Competitors will be issued with a Competitors' numbered bib as per the Three-Days Start list which is to worn during the Prologue and the Three-Days.

Start Draws. The Start draws were conducted within four categories:

1. Elite classes
2. M21AS (Sledge)
3. Public Prologue
4. All other classes

General Strategy. The general strategy was unless there were specific rules or guidelines to be followed, for all classes with 10 or more competitors, competitors were placed in three blocks and random draws were conducted within each block. For classes with fewer entries, all competitors were in the same random draw. Blocks were rotated over the three days and for courses with multiple classes, the classes within a course were rotated over the three days. Some start times may be amended to allow event officials to run outside the blocks for their classes or to accommodate split start and shadowing requests (see below).

Split Starts and Shadowing Requests. Within the constraints of Competition Rules and Guidelines every effort has been made to accommodate requests for split starts to meet child-minding needs or shadowing young competitors. However, there are many instances where this has not been achievable within the time constraints for completing the initial start draw. The organisers are continuing to investigate options for accommodating these requests, and may be contacting competitors to discuss these options. As a consequence, some start times of those competitors may be amended. The start times for the M/W10 Novice class are nominal only and competitors may start when a timeslot is available after other competitors on Course 20.

Public Prologue. With around 430 entries to accommodate within a reasonable timeframe on just four courses, multiple competitors will start at the same time, as follows: Hard1 - 2, Hard2 - 3, Moderate - 2, Easy - 1. All competitors will start within just over an hour with the last at 2.31 pm.

M21AS (Sledge). The start arrangements for M21AS (Sledge) are outlined at page 15 of the Information & Event Program.

Elite Classes: The procedures followed for the Elite classes were:

- **Prologue.** As a world ranking event the Start draw was governed by the IOF Competition Rules and Guidelines. With the 20E competitors on the same courses as the 21E competitors, the classes were combined and starts were assigned as a single class. Competitors start in reverse order to their IOF ranking with the highest ranked starting last. Competitors with ranking points above 10 in the IOF Sprint Distance ranking list as at 1 March 2016 were assigned reverse order start times. Next competitors with above 10 ranking points in the IOF Middle/Long Distance ranking list as at 1 March 2016 and not already assigned a Start time were assigned reverse order start times before those already assigned. All other competitors were assigned randomly-drawn earlier start times.
- **Day 1.** As another world ranking event only for 21E classes, the same IOF Rules and Guidelines apply. Competitors with ranking points above 10 in the IOF Middle/Long Distance ranking list as at 1 March 2016 were assigned reverse order start times. All other competitors were assigned randomly-drawn earlier start times.
- **Day 2.** Two blocks were formed from the start groupings for Day 1. Those in the world-ranked group were Block 1 and were assigned randomly-drawn start times. The other competitors were in Block 2 and were assigned randomly-drawn start times after Block 1.
- **Day 3.** No start times have been assigned for Day 3 as all Elite competitors will have reverse order two-minute interval start times based on their placing at the end of Day 2.