

Split Second Timing for USSA Masters FAQ

Far West Masters Open Class

USSA masters is age-class racing – competitors compete in 5-year age groups, by gender (with the youngest under-30 class 1 spanning ages 18..29). The Alpine Masters support in Split Second provides support for the standard masters age classes – competitor age class will be computed from year-of-birth and the national masters class start order is supported for generating first and second run start orders ("Running order by class").

In the Far West division, a special Open class (OP) is installed at the end of the race to group competitors who have elected to be scored in the Open class for their overall race awards and to be eligible in the season "leader bibs" awards at the end of the season.

Unlike in previous seasons, when the Open class was formed on the second run based on qualifying from first run times, the new Open class system starting in the 2015-2016 season does not change the standard USSA masters first and second run age class start order rules – all competitors race within their age class on the hill. The Open class is performed as an extra step prior to printing the race results.

WHAT TO DO

Competitors who elect to be scored in the Open class are tagged in the Split Second race file by marking the competitor with the value *OP* in the **Team** field, which is not otherwise used. Far West Masters maintains a record of competitors who have elected to always compete in Open class for the season and will provide that list when a race file is prepared.

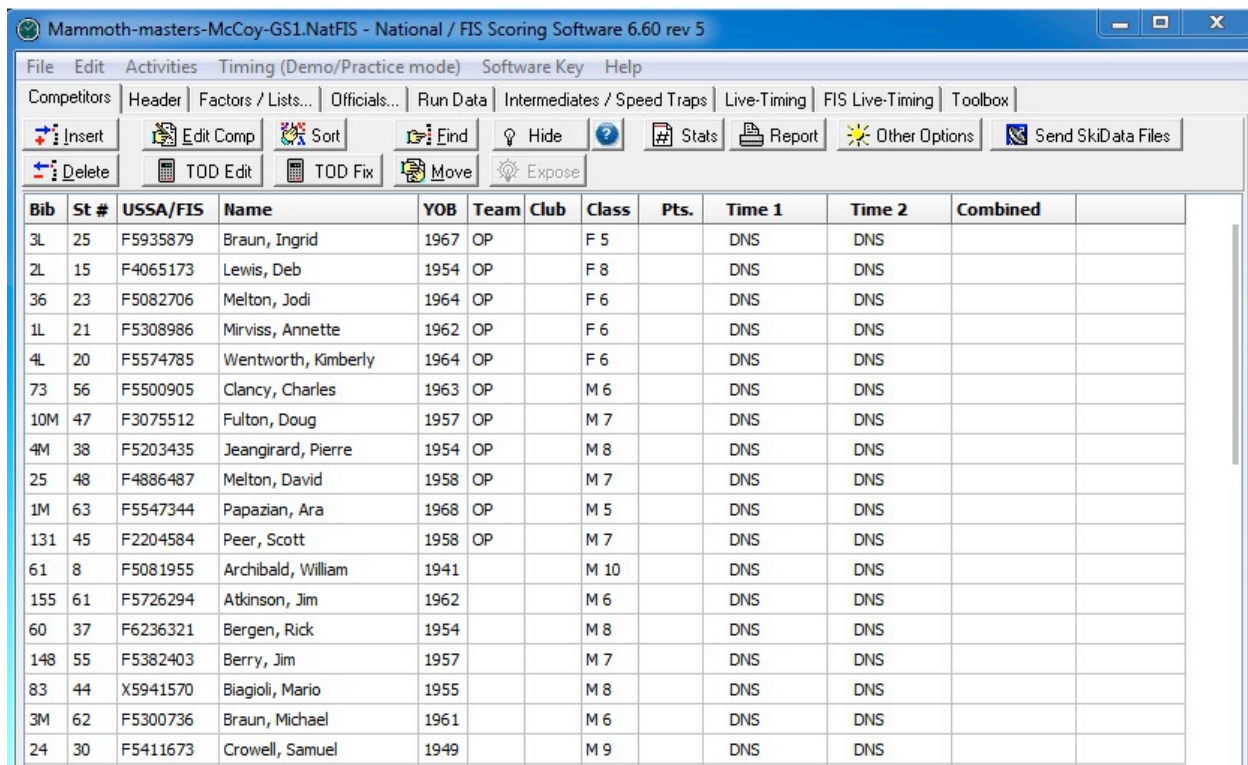
Competitors may also elect Open class when they check in on the morning of the race, so the Far West checkin coordinator is responsible for coordinating with the RA to ensure that any race-day OP elections get added to the race file at the start of the day.

Note: competitors may not elect Open once race-day checkin is closed and the race file updated. They have to elect OP participation **before** the race begins so that all competitors know who in their age class is competing in class and who is in Open. While we do not want to reprint start lists for morning adds, it is requested that "OP" notations be included by competitor names on the finish board to enable all competitors to know their class status during the race and that if possible the OP Team code be marked in the race file before second run start lists are printed.

Step 1: Mark OP competitors in the race file before the start of the race

When the competitor list for the race is prepared, all competitors who have elected to be scored in the Open class should be marked in the race file with the code *OP* in the **Team** field. Most Open competitors will have elected OP for the season and will be properly marked when the race file is provided by Far West Masters.

If any additional OP elections are requested at race day checkin, the Far West checkin coordinator will collect those names and report any additions to the RA at the close of morning checkin. Marking of additional OP participants should be done at the close of morning checkin so that all Open participants are recorded before the start of the race.



The screenshot shows the FIS Scoring Software interface. The main window displays a table of competitors with columns for Bib, St #, USSA/FIS, Name, YOB, Team, Club, Class, Pts., Time 1, Time 2, and Combined. The 'Team' column for all listed competitors contains the code 'OP'. The software title bar reads 'Mammoth-masters-McCoy-GS1.NatFIS - National / FIS Scoring Software 6.60 rev 5'.

Bib	St #	USSA/FIS	Name	YOB	Team	Club	Class	Pts.	Time 1	Time 2	Combined
3L	25	F5935879	Braun, Ingrid	1967	OP		F 5		DNS	DNS	
2L	15	F4065173	Lewis, Deb	1954	OP		F 8		DNS	DNS	
36	23	F5082706	Melton, Jodi	1964	OP		F 6		DNS	DNS	
1L	21	F5308986	Mirviss, Annette	1962	OP		F 6		DNS	DNS	
4L	20	F5574785	Wentworth, Kimberly	1964	OP		F 6		DNS	DNS	
73	56	F5500905	Clancy, Charles	1963	OP		M 6		DNS	DNS	
10M	47	F3075512	Fulton, Doug	1957	OP		M 7		DNS	DNS	
4M	38	F5203435	Jeangirard, Pierre	1954	OP		M 8		DNS	DNS	
25	48	F4886487	Melton, David	1958	OP		M 7		DNS	DNS	
1M	63	F5547344	Papazian, Ara	1968	OP		M 5		DNS	DNS	
131	45	F2204584	Peer, Scott	1958	OP		M 7		DNS	DNS	
61	8	F5081955	Archibald, William	1941			M 10		DNS	DNS	
155	61	F5726294	Atkinson, Jim	1962			M 6		DNS	DNS	
60	37	F6236321	Bergen, Rick	1954			M 8		DNS	DNS	
148	55	F5382403	Berry, Jim	1957			M 7		DNS	DNS	
83	44	X5941570	Biagioli, Mario	1955			M 8		DNS	DNS	
3M	62	F5300736	Braun, Michael	1961			M 6		DNS	DNS	
24	30	F5411673	Crowell, Samuel	1949			M 9		DNS	DNS	

Step 1. Mark OP competitors in the Team field

Note: if it is not possible to complete updating the race file in the morning, e.g., the race file with the start list has already been sent to the timers, finish adding any additional OP marking after the completion of the first run so that the second run start order includes OP.

Step 2: prepare 1st and 2nd run start orders using standard Masters age class rules

The Open class scoring is only used when the final race results are prepared. The first and second run start orders follow the standard masters rules for age classes and start orders:

- first run: random draw within age class
- second run: reverse 1st run finish order within age class
 - DSQ/DNF racers may take second run at the end of their age class

Step 3: apply Open class selections before printing the race results

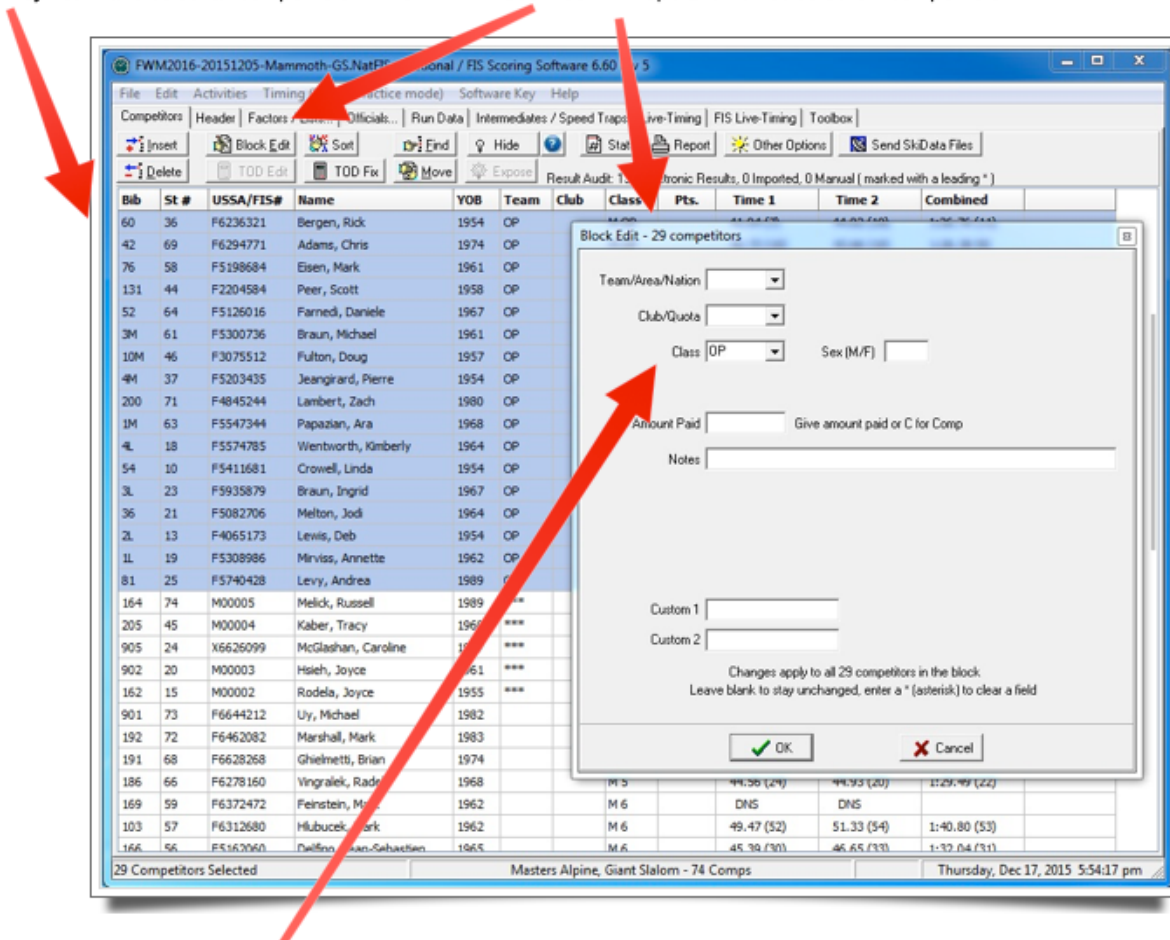
At the completion of the second run, before printing the race results, install the Open class selections as a separate class in the race file.

1. Sort the competitor list by **Team**
 - use Descending order so that *OP* competitors are at the top of the list
 - gender and result time aren't important at this step – we just want all *OP*
2. Select all competitors with the *OP* value in the **Team** field and click the *Block Edit* operation on the toolbar
3. In the Block Edit dialog, set **Class** to *OP* and click Ok to change the class of all Open competitors (both men and women).

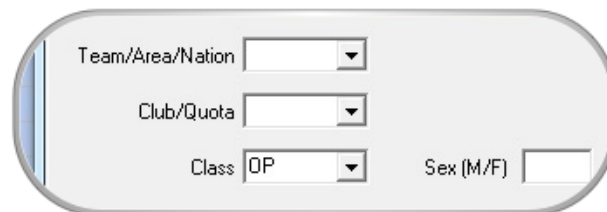
Set class to OP for all Open class competitors

Sort by **Team** and select all competitors with *OP*

Use *Block Edit* operation on selected *OP* competitors



Set **Class** to *OP* for selected competitors (same for both men and women; no other values change)



*Step 3. Set **Class** to *OP* for all Open competitors at the end of the race*

Step 4: print the final race results

Now prepare and print the race results report using the standard report for Race Results. Be sure to sort the results report if you have not already done so.

NOTE: Split Second does not always sort the end of the list with MOP and M01 classes correctly, so be sure to always review the report before printing. The expected order is that the Women's Open class will be at the end of all other women's classes, while the Men's Open class should be at the end of all other men's classes. If there are any sorting problems, cancel the report printing to manually correct the results order, then reprint the results report with no additional sorting.

To sort the competitors into results order manually:

1. Sort by *Combined Time* (ascending order)
2. Sort by *Running order by Class* (the Masters age class running order)

Review the final results order and when satisfied use the *Report > Race Results* operation to print the results. (Do NOT allow the report operation to sort when you have already manually prepared the final results order!)