

Split Second Timing for USSA Masters FAQ

First Run Start Order

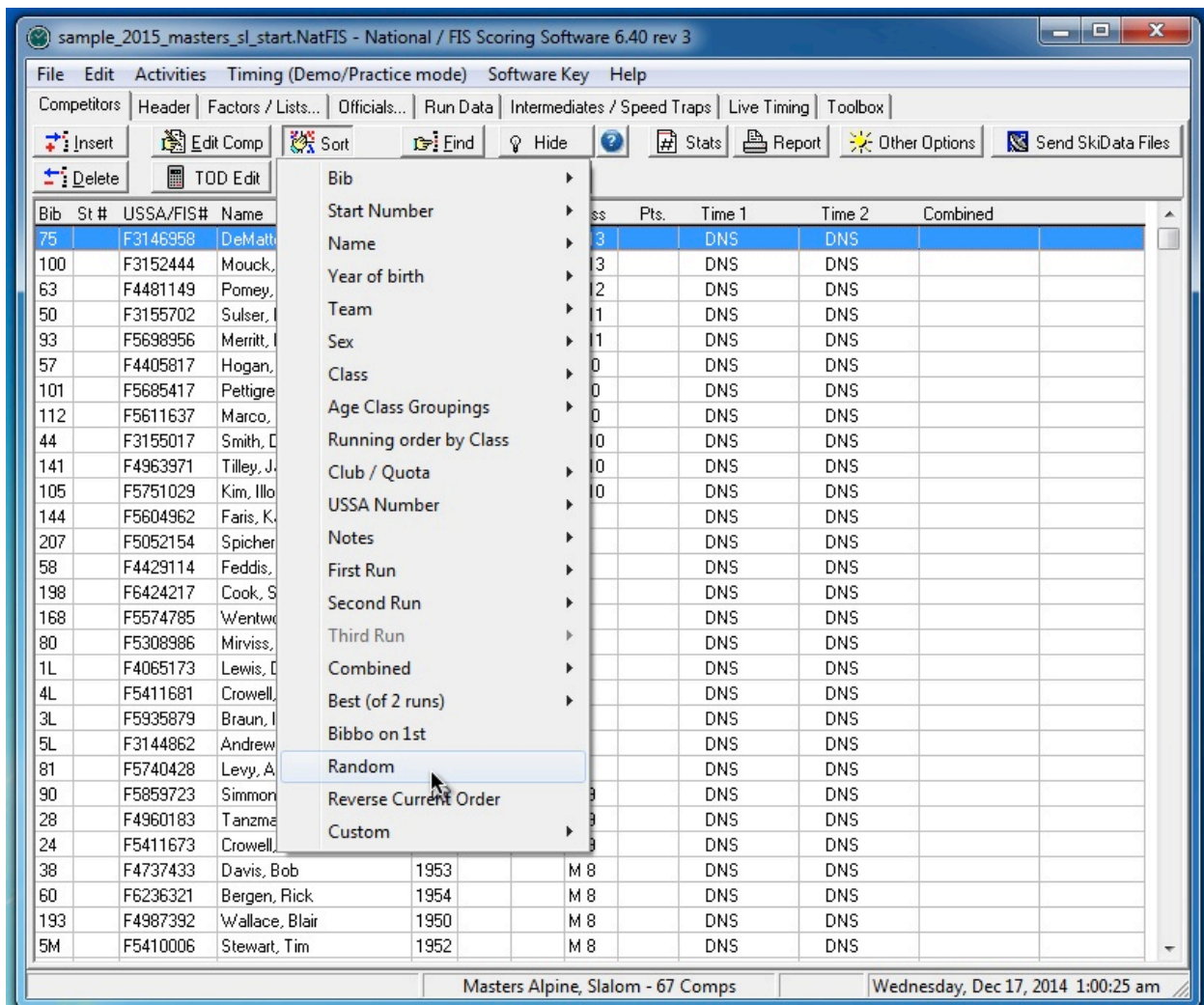
First run start order for a masters race is random order within age class. Class start order follows the USSA masters rules: the oldest classes 70+ start in descending age order, women then men (W13, M13, W12, M12, W11, M11, W10, M10), followed by remaining women's classes in descending age order (W9, W8, ..., W1) and remaining men's classes in descending age order (M9, M8, ..., M1). Split Second provides standard sorting for *Running order by Class* that makes first run start order easy to generate.

WHAT TO DO

After all competitors are entered, with bib and USSA license as well as year-of-birth and age class, you are ready to generate the first run start list.

Step 1: randomize the competitors

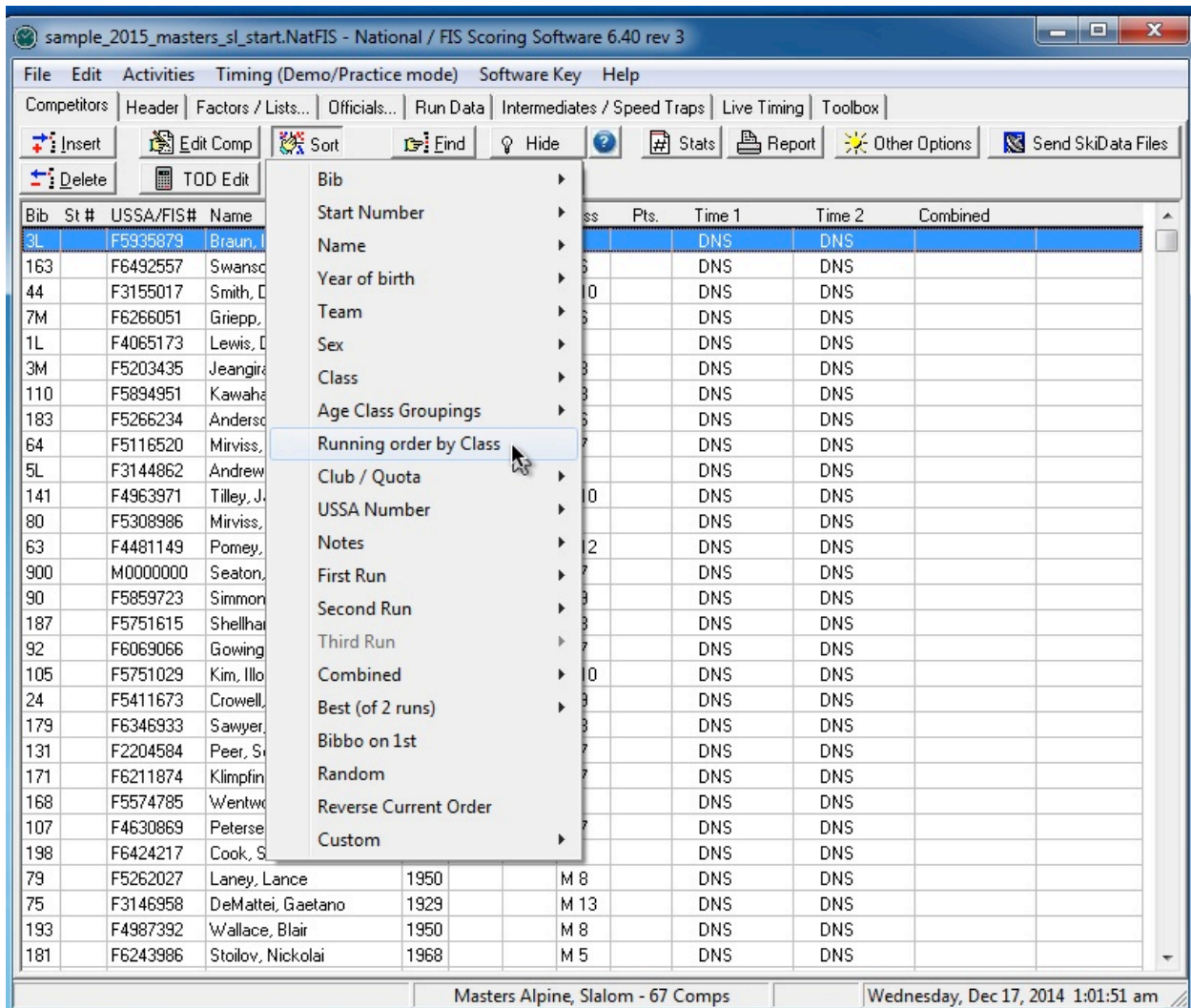
On the **Competitors** tab, click on the *Sort* button and choose *Random* order to randomize the competitor list. Repeat this several times to get a good scramble.



Step 1: randomize the competitor list (repeat several times)

Step 2: install age class start order

Now click on the *Sort* button again and choose *Running order by Class* order to install the class grouping and order.



Step 2: sort into running order by masters age class

Step 3: review the start order

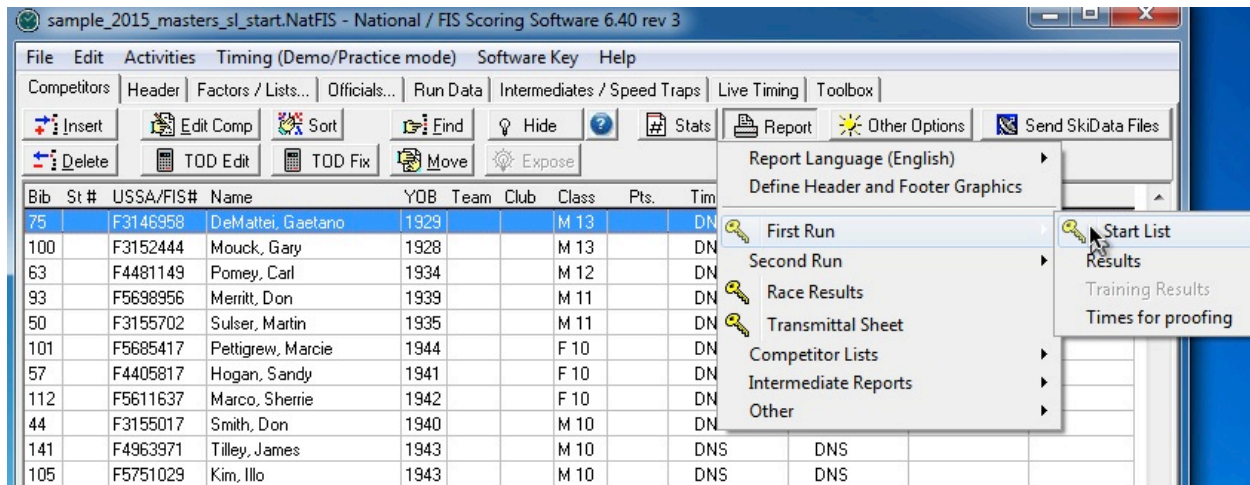
The competitor list should now be sorted into masters age class start order, with competitors in random order within age class.

You may wish to install start numbers now by using the *Other Options* button and choose *Start Numbers > Reassign from 1...* to install.

Step 4: print the start list

When you are ready to print the start list, use the *Report* button and choose *First Run > Start List*.

Tip: make sure you turned off the autosort option for automatic sorting when reports are generated!



Step 4: print start list report

When the automatic sorting option is turned off, you will see the following confirmation prompt when you print a report, asking whether Split Second should sort the competitor list using its standard rules for a masters race. Since you've already sorted and prepared the start list into the desired start order, say **NO!**



Report Autosort: Just Say No

Your start list report will now be displayed to preview and print.

Tip: you may wish to use a more condensed report format for your start list to save paper – the standard age class start list for masters has a lot of white space and class name titles that use a lot of vertical space. This is nice for competitors reading the list to find their classes, but for your operations team on the hill a more concise format may be sufficient. The Competitor List report is one alternative to consider.