

Vola SkiAlpPro 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 Vola event 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 event competitor list 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 event's competitor list 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.

Mark Open class participants with OP in Team Field

Mark competitors who elect to be scored in Open class with **OP** in **Team** field

Type **OP** or choose from the team choices drop-down list

Step 1. Mark OP competitors in the Team field

*Note: if it is not possible to complete updating the event competitor list in the morning, e.g., the event 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

To enable competitors to verify open class participation, be sure to include the **Team** field when you print the first and second run start orders.

USSA Masters Sample Race #4 [02: run1 start list]

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Start list - Run 1

Order	Bib	Ca	Name	USSA ID	Year	Mbr	Team	Order	Bib	Ca	Name	USSA ID	Year	Mbr	Team
1	128	M11	Dugan Jim	F4969572	1940			65	181	M05	Stoilov Nikolai	F6243986	1968		OP
2	32	M11	Feldenheimer Peter	F4815528	1937			66	208	M04	Smith Peter	F5806120	1975		OP
3	44	M11	Smith Don	F3155017	1940			67	42	M04	Adams Chris	F6294771	1974		OP
4	93	M11	Merritt Don	F5698956	1939			68	191	M04	Ghielmetti Brian	F6628268	1974		
5	101	W10	Pettigrew Marcie	F5685417	1944			69	200	M03	Lambert Zach	F4845244	1980		OP
6	61	M10	Archibald William	F5081955	1941		OP	70	209	M02	Uy Michael	F6644212	1982		
7	904	M10	Uberuaga Mike	I5242128	1945			71	192	M02	Marshall Mark	F6462082	1983		
8	59	M10	Hudson Nick	I5745468	1944			72	164	M01	Melick Russell	M0000005	1989		ST
9	201	W08	Yamamoto Joyce	F6604557	1955										
10	12	W08	Lewis Deb	F4065173	1954		OP								
11	207	W08	Spicher Lora	F5052154	1954										
12	198	W08	Cook Susan	F6424217	1955										
13	162	W08	Rodela Joyce	M0000002	1955		ST								

Class M07: Men 55-59

1	210	M07	McGlashan David	X6642019	1960			52.38
2	189	M07	Hedlund Curtis	F6463486	1958			48.56
3	74	M07	Williams Michael	F5050620	1956			45.38
4	64	M07	Mirviss Mark	F5116520	1957			45.05
5	25	M07	Melton David	F4886487	1958		OP	43.87
6	107	M07	Petersen Tom	F4630869	1959		OP	43.76
7	148	M07	Berry Jim	F5382403	1957			43.52
8	132	M07	Sussek Randall	F5090246	1958		OP	43.29
9	131	M07	Peer Scott	F2204584	1958		OP	42.11
10	10	M07	Fulton Doug	F3075512	1957		OP	41.59
11	92	M07	Gowing Larry	F6069066	1958			
12	205	M07	Kaber Tracy	M0000004	1960			

Step 2. Include Team field with OP on start list

Note: it is requested that "OP" notations also be included by competitor names on the finish board to enable all competitors to know their class status during the race

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

To print the race results with OP competitors scored in the separate men's and women's Open classes, you will use a special FW variation of the usual USSA masters age class filter which adds rules for identifying the Open class participants across all age groups.

At the completion of the second run, before printing the race results, confirm that all competitors who elected to be scored in Open class are marked with OP in the Team field.

Click on the *Final Ranking* report to preview or print the race results report. The usual masters results report format and options are used, as described in the *Race Results FAQ* instructions. Remember to set both **Print those not classified** and **Print the unclassified after filters** options in order to have DNF/DSQ/DNS competitors included on the run results reports.

To print the results by age class with Far West Open class added, click the Filters button to load the masters age classes filter specifications from **filters/ussa-masters-farwest-open-class-results-order.flts**. The results report will now be grouped within age class groups, with a subheader describing each age class; the Men's and Women's Open classes will be listed at the end of each gender.

The screenshot shows the 'Final ranking' software interface. The 'Filter List' dialog box is open, displaying a list of filters with columns for rank, class name, and count. The 'Class WOP: Women Open' filter is selected. The 'Filter' dialog box is also open, showing the 'Fields and Criteria' section with the following settings:

Field	Operator	Value
Team	is equal to	OP
Gender	is equal to	Women

The 'Filter' dialog box also shows the 'All criteria must be respected' option selected, a 'Selection: 6/72' indicator, and the 'Filter Title: Class WOP: Women Open'.

Step 3. Use masters age classes with FW Open class filter for race results