

Split Second Software Change Request

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Subject: Correct “Running order by Class” age class sort order for masters

Type: correction

Importance: high

Description:

The age class running order rules for masters’ age classes 10, 11, and 12 (competitors 70-74, 75-79, and 80-84) was changed in the Masters Comp Guide published for the 2008 season. It’s likely that this rule change in the Masters Comp Guide wasn’t communicated as a change request to update the masters’ age classes order in the Split Second software.

In 2007 and earlier, the running order was the 85+ age classes W13 and M13, followed by the three women’s classes W12, W11, W10 and then the three men’s classes M12, M11, M10; from there continuing in descending age order with the remaining women’s classes W9..W1 and the remaining men’s classes M9..M1.

For the 2008 season, the running order of classes 12, 11, and 10 was changed from the by-gender blocks to use alternating order by gender down through the three age classes, i.e., W12, M12, W11, M11, W10, M10.

2007 order:			2008 order:	
M14	Men 90+		M14	Men 90+
W13	Women 85-89		W13	Women 85-89
M13	Men 85-89		M13	Men 85-89
W12	Women 80-84		W12	Women 80-84
W11	Women 75-79	*	M12	Men 80-84
W10	Women 70-75	*	W11	Women 75-79
M12	Men 80-84	*	M11	Men 75-79
M11	Men 75-79	*	W10	Women 70-75
M10	Men 70-75		M10	Men 70-75
(remaining women W9, W8,... W1)			(remaining women W9, W8,... W1)	
(remaining men M9, M8, .. M1)			(remaining men M9, M8, .. M1)	

The built-in sort order *Running order by Class* for a Masters Alpine race needs to be updated from the current implementation of the running order in use up through

2007 to use the modified order adopted in 2008 for classes 10, 11, and 12 with alternating by gender in descending order.

Workaround:

After generating a start order or results using the masters *Running order by Class* sort operation, manually reorder the older classes:

- select the competitors in men's class 12 (M12) and move them up in the order to run before women's class 11 (W11)
- select the competitors in men's class 11 (M11) and move them up in the order to run before women's class 10 (W10)

Additional Information:

The manual workaround isn't that hard, but it's one more thing for the RA/timer to have to remember to do as a special case, often under time pressure to get a start order or race results out. It would really help if the built-in sort order could be corrected.