

Start time allocation

Agree who is allocating start times – Entries secretary or entries company.

Agree method and timescale for allocation and checking prior to publication and who must be involved in the checking process, note the role of the controller.

Decide on start window and timings for early, middle & late blocks. Is the start window the same for all courses/classes & competitions? Time of year, sunset & sun rise for putting out and collecting controls, anticipated numbers etc.

Appendix A: Event systems contains a substantial amount of information that is very relevant to the allocation of all start times not just for seeded competitors and should be referred to.

In particular the section preferred start times – for young juniors and older competitors.

Determine start time interval for each type of competition – WRE middle 2 mins, WRE long 3 mins.

Consider all factors:

- Split start and/or open start for second starter and helpers start policy (Open & punching).
- Special requests
- Travel issues
- EML start block requests
- Junior, elite and senior seeding requirements from Appendix A

Seeding lists from British Orienteering

Agree dates for publishing start list – final or draft, allow time for changes & agree what changes can be reasonably be allowed and if there is a cost.

Agree review date for entry numbers to allow for course expansion/contraction

Agree method for dealing with EOD start times on courses that are shared with age class competition.

Any special rules for start time allocation laid down in competition rules – ie seeded start blocks, random start blocks, variation of club order if required.

Check the relevant competition rule and British Orienteering rules with regard to late starts/changes & timed & punch or timed only start.