

## WHPSC 2025 START ORDER SELECTION PROCESS

**Start Order for the upcoming race session will be posted daily at the Battle Mountain Civic Center.** *Tip: view the Glossary document for an explanation of terms used.*

Start order for each evening session and the following morning session will be determined each day at the post-race meeting following the morning race sessions (around 11 am) in the Civic Center. Any rider wishing to qualify in the next day's morning session will need to state their intentions at that meeting. Evening post-race meetings will be only for session debrief and announcing speeds of the evening runs.

### Start Order System

- Each morning race session, there will be four or five heats with four or five vehicles in each heat as time allows. There will typically be a mixture of 2.5 mile runs for qualifying, and 5 mile runs for speed. The exceptions are Sunday morning when there are only qualifying runs, and Saturday when there will be only 5 mile runs.
- Each evening race session, there will be a maximum of three heats with four vehicles each.
- Riders will take turns selecting a heat in either session using a seeding system based on a percentage.
- A rider's percentage will be determined by dividing their top speed in the category in which they are racing by the current world record in that category. Rider's top speed for this determination is independent of wind legality. If there is no existing world record in a (new) category, then the percentage is zero until the first speed is set, after which, the percentage becomes 100%.
- The rider with the highest percentage will choose first. This will continue down the roster until all heats are filled. If there is a tie in percentages, the faster rider will pick first. Depending on the number of riders, we may go through the roster multiple times to fill all of the heats in both sessions.
- At each post-race morning meeting riders will be selecting heats for that evening and the following morning.
- As we go through the roster several times during heat selection, riders may choose evening and morning sessions or multiple heats within a session. This gives them flexibility as they take into account wind conditions. There is no penalty for choosing not to run in a heat that you've selected if you are present at Start before the beginning of your heat. However if you elect not to run (scratch) and you do not show up at start for the relevant heat, you must inform the starter or the race director at least three hours before a given heat begins. If you do not inform race officials, they reserve the right to adjust your seeding downwards by a minimum of five positions for the next session of seeding.
- Each rider will only be allowed to run a maximum of once in the morning, and once in the evening. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of race officials.

- One “on deck” slot will be offered in each heat. These can be selected after everyone has been accommodated in a heat. Each rider can only choose one “on deck” slot each heat. On deck riders may ride if an entrant scratches from their heat.
- A minimum speed of 45 mph is required to run on the 5 mile course in the mornings and a minimum speed of 60 mph is required for evening heats. Minimum speed may be adjusted at the discretion of race officials.
- Once the heats are full, the start order within each heat will be assigned by the Starter, based on absolute speed (faster before slower). This is to prevent passing on the highway.

5:25 Tues PM 6:00 6:35			7:15 8:00 8:35 9:10 9:45				
1			2 1/2 Wed				
2			5 mile	5 mile	5 mile	5 mile	5 mile
Fabien			Mike	Rosa	Denise	Fabien	Andrea
Rosa			Adam	Ilona	Ellen	Jennifer	Vittoria
Ilona			Andrew	Josh	Ben	Todd	Melge
Jennifer			Kaz	Peter	Yasmin	Rocket	Ken
Josh							
on deck							
Yasmin							
on deck			on deck	on deck	on deck	on deck	on deck
Ken			Ishtey	TITAN	Yasmin	Rocket	
Rosa							

Figure 1. 2019 WHPSC Tuesday Evening and Wednesday Morning Race Session Schedule

### General Information

#### Sunday morning Qualifying:

- Start order will be assigned at the Mandatory meeting Saturday Sep 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Civic Center. Each rider will draw a number. Starting with 1, each rider will choose the heat in which they would like to run.

**Sunday night - Monday morning:**

- Start order within each heat will be determined by qualifying speed sorted by the percentage system.

**Monday evening - Saturday evening:**

- Start order will be determined by top speed percentage in either qualifying or the 5 mile course. Qualification runs are only held in the morning. The organizers and the start official reserve the right to change the start order.
- If you arrive during the week after Monday morning, you must qualify as per above and your qualifying speed will determine your seeding for choosing heats at the next post-race morning meeting.
- Teams should be ready to launch on time. We suggest being at the start (either 2.5 mile or 5 mile) 1 hour before your heat. Road closures can be up to 30 minutes long.