

Timer-2 Cheat Sheet

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Status: the basic 'Cheat-Sheet' (job summary) information is here. Additional details and improvements are expected. The document is evolving to include various formats (check-lists, detailed procedures), and a help section to serve as a reference in solving specific problems.

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Overview

As Timer-2, you are the eyes of the operation. As Timer-2, it's your job to inform Timer-1

- when there may be a need for the next racer to wait.
- when a racer will not be crossing the finish line.
- when there may be a disparity between a racer on the course and the racer the computer thinks is on course, or recently finished.

Chronological

-- Upon Arrival at the Mountain

- Confirm the time of your work assignment.
- Note the names of Timers, Chief of Course and Starter you will be working with.

-- 30 minutes prior to race:

- Check your watch: MACC Official Clock hangs on north side of the north start shack. Confirm it is reasonably accurate, then synchronize to it.
 - For first race of the weekend, assist in confirming operation of Start-wand, Finish-beam, Timer, computer and software.
 - For subsequent races, be present on Superbowl and ready to begin work. If the Course-Setters are running late, monitor their progress and plan to start work 5 minutes before they finish.
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-- 25 minutes prior to race:

- Verify that the PA is functioning.

-- Running the Race**First Run**

Use your ears. Listen:

- to Timer-1 to learn who is in the start gate.
- to Announcer to learn who just finished.
- You can now spend most of your time watching the course, and your eyes will be much happier not having to constantly adjust from glaring snow to dim monitor. If Timer-1 and Announcer are both providing good information, you shouldn't have to look at the computer at all.

Record on the Start-Sheets:

- Run order: for each class write: '1', '2', '3'... next to racers in the order they entered the start gate.
- For each racer who started: Note finish status: a check-mark for normal finish; DNF for anyone not crossing the finish line; DQ if appropriate, but only if the racer also crossed the finish line.

Keeping start-sheet notations brief, gives you more time to watch the course.

Announcer will be reading the computer screen and announcing times. Please also confirm that Announcer is confirming each finishing racer's bib# matches what is on the computer screen. This ensures that any problem is discovered as soon as possible.

Each racer must have a valid bib. See Racing Rules.

Between Runs

- Check Start-Sheet notes. Clarify any confusing entries.

Second Run

- Start a second column and record starts, run-order and finish status as with run one.

Post Race

- Collect Gate Judge Cards
- Assist in recording all DQs, DNFs to the computer.
- Assist in getting clip-board returned and Results posted.

Check Lists**Pre Season**

During the week prior our first race.

- Review your Job Cheat-Sheet.
 - Review the Racing Rules: Our rules do change now and then. Timers make decisions every race which are governed by our rules. It's no fun having to overrule anyone's decision, nor to be the one who's decision is overruled. Please, review our rules once a year.
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Start of Weekend, all Timers

- Check Timing Schedule and confirm your assignment time. Check to see who is assigned to work with you as: Chief, Starter, Timer1, Timer2, Announcer.

Start of Weekend, working the first race

- Test Timing equipment with the race software: Run Race, test start wand and finish beam, and observe race software display forerunner on-course and finished. If possible, be ready to perform this test as soon as Equipment Crew completes their setup.
 - Alge time-of-day display is accurate.
 - Alge printer is printing and has sufficient paper.
 - Results printer has sufficient paper.
 - Both computer displays are working.
 - PA is working and volume adjusted.
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