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This newsletter is for you, the user, to inform you of problems that have been sent in from scorers across the nation and the solutions for those problems. We will be sending this out from time to time to keep you informed and assist you in usage of the program. If you have a problem or issue that needs to be addressed send an email to the editor and we will get your problem addressed immediately and keep all of the users informed of the problems/solutions involved.

Update Version 1.0.1.28 Is Available For Download Today

Dave has posted version 1.1.0.28 and it will automatically update you WSTIMS for Windows program when you start it up. This version has many improvements that will be needed for your State and regional Championships, a new Overall scoring procedure, along with other minor fixes. The attached update file has the issues that have been addressed and the fix that has been applied to the problem in this version.

State and Regional Tournament Setup and Scorebook Options

We are about to enter the time of the season for the State Championships and Regional tournaments. We need to review the standard procedures that we have used for many years and cover the setup issues so that the scorebooks and the seeding files are produced properly using the WSTIMS for Windows program.

First let's review the standard operating procedures for the State championships. Each state has a set of qualifying procedures to enter the tournament and the primary requirement is to be a resident of the state in order to enter the tournament. In addition to these participants, the states have been allowing out of state skiers to enter the tournament and ski for scores on the Ranking List only. This allows the program to award the qualified in state skiers placements for awards and to be recognized as State Champions in their events.

The way that we separate these two groups of skiers is very simple and has been in place for many years.

1. In the tournament you have both individual skiers and those skiing for Overall awards.
2. For all of the qualified state residents, use the standard age division codes for all of the events that the skier enters. This will make all of the Overall scores and age division events calculate the scores properly.
3. For the "out of state" skiers you should isolate them into a separate group so the program will isolate their scores from the rest of the qualified participants. Over the years many scores have used various designations for this special group, since this group is scoring for the Ranking List only, we would

recommend establishing a standard code of “RL” for these skiers and use this code for each event entered by the skier.

4. A by product of this of course, is that the Running Order option in the program will isolate these skiers in this special group and be easy for you to use when creating your running orders for the tournament. Most of the state tournament are seeded and these skiers in the RL group always ski first, with several asterisks in front of their name to identify them on the running order.
5. You would then score your tournament as you usually do and the program will take care of storing the data.
6. Some of the tournaments are hosting two rounds of competition. The standard in this situation is for the Round 1 scores to reflect the State Championships and the Round 2 scores to be used for the Ranking List only.
7. To make your scorebook and the related Seeding file handle this properly at the end of the tournament you will need to go to the Tournament tab and select the Master Scorebook option and then you will make two selections. The first option is in the second option box and you should check the Div/Group division setting for your scorebook. In the third option box, if you have scored a one round tournament select “Final”. If you have scored a two round tournament select the “First” option. This will produce the correct scorebook for the tournament. Please note that the setting we just noted in the Master Scorebook screen will setup the way that the Overall Summary and HTML version of the scorebook and the production of the Seeding file.
8. Now that you have produced the appropriate files and compiled them into the ZIP file for submission to your Regional Seeding representative there is one more step that you as Chief Scorer must do. The placements for the special “RL” group will be in the Seeding file and your seeding representative must manually remove these placements, after uploading the final ZIP file to the system. You will need to include in your cover letter for the ZIP file a list of the participants that were in the special “RL” group in each of the events.

When you are the Chief Scorer for your Regional tournament the same procedures listed above must be used for the tournament.

Import Of Members From Your Template For Your Tournament – Should I Keep My Member Database?

Your database of members is your handy contact list that involves the skiers in the area where you normally score your tournaments. It is a very important list to have so that you can use the enhanced search capabilities of the program when adding participants to your tournament. For instance, I score a lot of Florida tournaments, so I normally have Florida, Open and Foreign skiers in my template. From this template I set up all of the competitors in the tournament and then use the entire membership in “Active” sheet to produce my Tab Delimited entry file for the import into the program. This is about 1800 members and takes less than 5 minutes to be processed by the program. This is a valuable

tool for you to have and use and we recommend that you choose “YES” to keep your database. The file is small and will not affect the operation of your computer.

New Option In Place For Scoring Overall Skiers

The way we are handling this is, if a score is being entered for the 2nd or subsequent round of an event, the program will check to see if the skier is registered for 3 events and if they are, then it checks to see if they are missing scores in earlier rounds of the event. If they are, then a warning panel pops up that recommends entering the score in the earlier rounds that do not have scores for the event for the skier. This will solve the problem that some scorers are having with the scoring of the Overall skiers.

Thanks for all of your interest and we will keep you updated as new issues arise. Enjoy your summer.