

RPRa Results Software

The RPRa results software is free to all its organisations. To obtain your club's free copy please email passwords@rpra.org, quoting your club name and number, to be added to the installation process. Each organisation requires the link to download the program, and a username and password, which is managed by the RPRa. A secretary may run more than one organisation, and you only need to have the program on one machine, but you will need a username and password for each different organisation you manage.

The software is designed to manage any size of organisation: Nationals, Combines, Federations and Clubs. All types of races are catered for: prize money, pooling, points, nominations etc.

How does the software produce results?

Clubs can produce results using the manual option, which is like using existing club software, or they can download data from different ETS clocks to make life easier. Clubs can post their result to the RPRa results website with a click of a button. Internet access is not required when producing results, a tethered mobile phone will be adequate to send or receive data.

Federations

A Federation secretary can download all their clubs' results from the RPRa Results website on Saturday evening/ Sunday morning following the race. The full result is automatically compiled and can be posted to the RPRa Results website. For many Fed secretaries that makes life much easier. The result can be further amended, prize money, points, pools added by the secretary and then posted to overwrite the initial result.

Combine Results

Like the Federation Secretary, a Combine Secretary can download all Federation results at a click of a button and possibly an individual club not belonging to a Federation which flies with a combine. Again, the initial full result can be posted to the RPRa Results website and then be amended to add to prizes and posted again later, to overwrite the previous result, if necessary. The full Combine result can be compiled at a click of a button.

Nationals

All clock stations are set up the same as clubs e.g. MNFC29, with membership and distances. Clock station results can be produced at the 'striking off' of clocks and posted onto the RPRa Results website. The Race Secretary can download all clock station results and post a full result. Pools and prizes added later. The clock station can also send the data to their organisations cloud to assist pools and prizes to be processed. A final full result could easily be produced within 24 hours of the data arriving using this software.

RPRa

The RPRa can compile full National race results from any group of chosen organisations by simply clicking the download button. Again, the full result can be published as soon as the last organisation has uploaded their result to the RPRa Results website. If all organisations have their result completed by Saturday evening / Sunday morning the full compiled RPRa results will be complete.

Security

All ETS clock administration data, clock serial number, chip rings, life rings are sent to the RPRA cloud every time the clock is used for racing. The clock's admin data can also be sent before the season starts to comply with RPRA rule 236. The software allows all clubs especially National organisations to synchronise ETS clocks at the marking of a race. This informs the Nationals of the times which the birds were marked, the clock serial number used, and the chip and life rings marked. Should a clock be lost or stolen, the RPRA will be notified through the software.

Improvements for secretaries

The software is designed for one computer to manage any number of organisations. A person may run a club, fed, combine and a national all from the same computer with different accounts, usernames and passwords.

Broken computers

If your organisation's computer is broken or lost, the program can be installed on a replacement machine, and then after you log in you can synchronise your database and you are back up and running with all information restored. A brilliant use of the cloud.

Distances

The software allows club secretaries to obtain individual or all club member distances 24/7 for any listed RPRA race point. Select the race point(s) and simply download the distances. They are ready to use.

Loft Latitude and Longitude (OSGB36)

A member's loft latitude and longitude, held by the RPRA, is available to be observed so it can assist organisations in allocating sections. Please remember that the RPRA uses the OSGB36 datum and Google Earth uses WGS36 datum, hence the conversion required for loft locations.

Fanciers with the will to learn have found the software easy to use. The ease of setup with all members, distances and race programmes means they are ready to produce results. We hope that the software will make the secretaries' tasks much easier and reduce workload in the RPRA.

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