

Seedings - An Explanation

Seedings are purely a reflection of the comparison of times between a given competitor and the fastest competitor on each stage. It has nothing to do directly with where you finish or even by how much you beat another competitor by on an event (there are other penalties that effect results not just stage times)

The Seeding List

The current seedings list is taken from an average of your event seedings over each of the last five events held with the lowest seeding in that range being dropped. (I.e. best 4 out of last 5)

If you miss any events in the last five, a deduction of 0.002 is made to the average, per event missed. (This is not used in determining the event to be dropped.)

Example

event seedings 0.856, 0.876, -0.002, 0.891, 0.867.

Lowest seeding is dropped (0.856) then average of remaining counted seedings is taken $(0.876 + 0.891 + 0.867) / 3 = 0.878$ is seeding shown on list

Competitor's names will cease to appear on the current official seeding list once they have missed five events, but their last known seeding is still retained on a master register. When they compete again, this seeding is reduced by 0.002 for every event since they last competed and is then used to place them in the appropriate place on the current list.

On ARC events where there is a state championship combined the seeding is based on the fastest eligible state championship competitor. This ensures that there is equality through the series.

On State / Clubman Cup dual status events clubman cup only competitors receive a state seeding based on their performance over the common stages. This is derived as detailed previously. That is why a competitor who only does clubman events may appear on the state seedings list.

Clubman cup only events do not count towards the State seeding list.

Review of the list

Every year the list is reviewed in December to assess whether any competitor is performing consistantly higher than the average of their last five events. If so the list is revised to remove any low seedings.

If a competitor feels that they are performing at a higher level early in the season or have moved to a higher performance vehicle during the break they may make application to the rally panel to have their seedings position reviewed in light of these factors. There is no guarantee that their seeding will be amended as a result of this review.

How your seeding is calculated.

Over an event the number of "**valid**" seedings that a competitor receives on "**special stages**" are added together, this number is then divided by the number of stages on which the valid seedings were achieved.

(A valid seeding is one, which is no less than 90% of the competitors current seeding from the seeding list. If less than this they are not counted.). There are a minimum number of 2 stages required to qualify, if less than two stages are recorded then a seeding of 0.000 is given for that event.)

This gives an average seeding for the event.

Seedings on stage lengths of less than 3 km's or with a fastest time of less than 3 minutes are not used as they tend to sway the seeding disproportionately. I.e. super special stages

This average is in turn adjusted to equate the highest average seeding to 1.000 and all other competitors seedings are then adjusted up by the same amount.

This is the event seeding used in the calculation of a competitor's seeding on the official seeding list.

I hope this explains the seedings system.

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