

THE START LINE PROCESS

General

The Start-Line process *can* be applied to (only) Race Types that are run *entirely within lanes*, viz:

- All Races on the Straight Track
- 200m, 400m, Hurdles on the Circular Track

It is a process that aims to increase the throughput of races on the Track by eliminating the need for runners to report to the Finish Line computer operator (Recorder) at the end of a race. The latter can be problematic because:

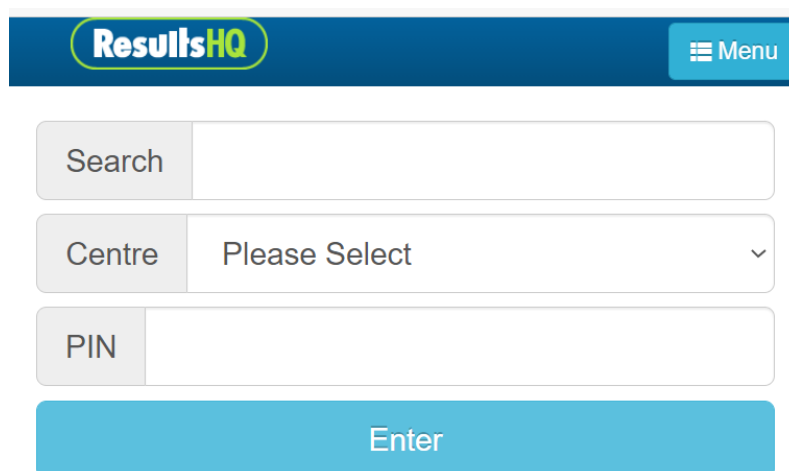
- Younger children may forget their lane number
- Subsequent races must wait while athlete details are recorded

The Start-Line process operates as follows:

- 1) The '**Start Line Recorder**' uses a phone (or tablet) with internet connection to access a special website (to which the Race Computer also has access) to record the identity of athletes and their Lane Number; This can be done "in advance" for up to 3 races, making use of the time while athletes are queueing up for their race and a race is running
- 2) The athlete / lane allocation information is automatically received by the Finish Line computer, which must also have internet access
- 3) Upon completion of a race, no further details need to be collected at the Finish Line, leading to much less delay between races.

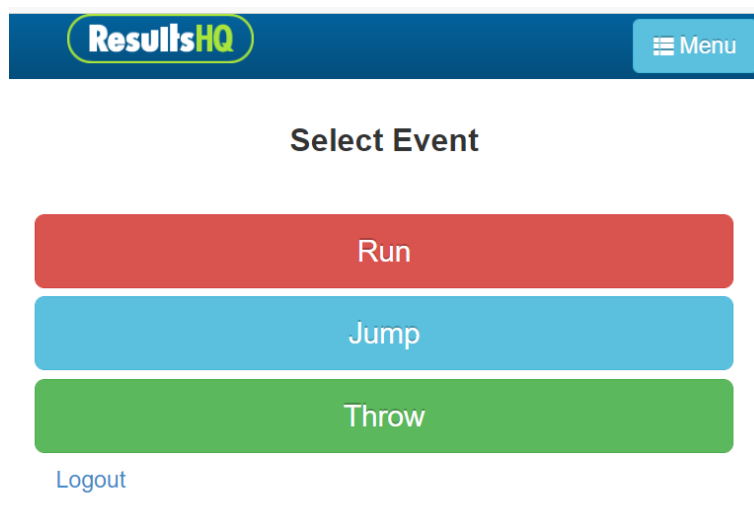
Start Line Recorder

The Start Line Recorder uses the web browser on a phone or table and accesses the following website centreadmin.resultshq.com.au/mobile/login. This leads to a screen such as the following:



The next step is to enter/choose the correct Centre and the appropriate PIN number (set by the Administrator in ResultsHQ) to gain access.

The Centre to be used is “**St George NSW**”. [Note: *Do **not** select “St George LAC”* – that refers to a club in another State!) To locate this, quickly, type St George NSW in the Search field. Then enter the PIN number and tap Enter. The following screen now appears:



Tap **Run**. On the next screen that appears, select “Front Straight” for Circular Track races or “Back Straight” for Straight Track races.

See the following video for a walk-through of the process of entering athlete details at the Start Line.

[Start Line Process Demonstration](#)

Finish Line Recorder

The process for the Recorder at the Finish Line is unchanged, except that the name of the runners for the ‘next’ race will populate on the RaceHQ screen just after the results of the previous race are saved. The Recorder does not need to enter any athlete details - but is able to do so eg. to make corrections - if necessary.

Implementation of the Start Line Process for 200m and 400m Races

Circular Track 200m Starts

Given the track behind the 200m start is “clear”, athletes can be marshalled in several ‘ranks’ and the runners in the next 3 races can be pre-loaded. As each race completes (and race results are saved by the Finish Line Recorder), another set of runners can be entered so that the Start Line Recorder is always 3 races ‘ahead’.

Circular Track 400m Starts

Given the entire track is used, these races are handled by pre-loading just the next set of runners while the previous race is running. This is done in the start area of the track as soon as the previous race runners have cleared the area.