



Athlinks User Guide: Adding Results

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Please direct questions to support@athlinks.com

Thank you for taking the time to help in creating the most comprehensive endurance race results database on the planet. Please use the document as your guide to formatting and adding your race results.

We will be constantly improving the process, so please check for updates to this document by [clicking here](#).

We can accept two formats for submitting results to Athlinks:

1. Plain text, fixed-width
2. Formatted Excel spreadsheet.

Data Fields

Required Fields

Without these fields as a minimum, your request cannot be processed:

1. Athlete Name
 - a. Accepted formats:
 - i. First Last (written together like "John Smith")
 - ii. First + Last (separate columns like "John" "Smith")
 - iii. Last, First (like "Smith, John")
 - iv. First, Last (like "John, Smith")
2. Age
 - a. * See Gender Notes "a".
3. Gender
 - a. Age and Gender can be combined like M25 for "Male, 25 years old"
4. Time
 - a. Please include only "Chip Time" when multiple formats are given for final such as Gun Time, Age Graded, etc. "Chip Time" is all that we are looking for.
 - b. For multi-sport races, please include all split/leg times. When adding the race to the database, make sure you define the course with each timed leg including transitions and penalties.
 - c. For multi-sport races, if an athlete is missing any split/leg time, we will use the final time only.

Optional (but recommended) Fields

We will still accept results without the following, but if they are provided in the set, please include them as well as they add depth and quality to the overall experience.

1. Class
 - a. If class is not present, all entrants will be assumed to be "Age Groupers".
 - b. Accepted classes are as follows:
 - i. AG (Age Grouper)
 - ii. Pro (Professional)
 - iii. CLY (Clydesdale – Multi-sport only)
 - iv. ATH (Athena – Multi-sport only)
 - v. WC (Wheelchair)
2. Location - City, State, Country
 - a. Accepted State Formats
 - i. Full State/Province (like Arizona or Ontario)
 - ii. Abbreviated (like AZ or ON)
 - b. Accepted Country Formats
 - i. Full Country (like United States)
 - ii. 2 Letter Abbreviation (like US)
 - iii. 3 Letter Abbreviation (like USA)
 - c. The above can be combined as either **comma** delimited (City, State, Country); or **column** delimited (City State Country) in any of the above formats.
3. Sponsor/Team name

Results Layout and Formatting

Plain Text

When adding results in plain-text, fixed column format, you will need to follow the format outlined below.

1. Start with Header Guides
 - a. In order to keep formatting as simple as possible, please provide a header map at the top of your results that outlines the columns. You can use any character at all to define the wide of a column. Here, we use the equal (=) sign. You could just as easily (and acceptably) use "x" or "." or whatever character you choose.

John Doe	M	23	Chandler	AZ	USA	3:34:32
Gary Right	M	32	Chandler	AZ	USA	3:44:32
Bill Bradley	M	42	Chandler	AZ	USA	3:56:32
Sara Jane	F	23	Chandler	AZ	USA	3:57:32
Mark Doe	M	64	Chandler	AZ	USA	3:58:32
Todd Doe	M	32	Chandler	AZ	USA	3:59:32
Lisa Doe	F	12	Chandler	AZ	USA	4:00:32
Julie Doe	F	56	Chandler	AZ	USA	4:01:32

2. Use only one Header Guides per data item when dealing with Athlete Name and Location information
 - a. If using combined or comma-delimited names and/or locations like "John Doe", "Doe, John", "Phoenix, AZ", etc – use only one Header Guide to define one column:

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Chandler, AZ
Chandler, AZ
Chandler, AZ
Chandler, AZ
Chandler, AZ
    
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- b. If using split values for multiple columns, then use one Header Guide per column:

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Chandler AZ
Chandler AZ
Chandler AZ
Chandler AZ
Chandler AZ
    
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Excel

Because Excel uses columns or tabular formatting, you simply need to place each column of data into a column on the spreadsheet. Because of the easier format, please provide the results in the following order:

1. Athlete Name
2. Gender
3. Age
4. Class
5. Home City
6. Home State
7. Home Country
8. Sponsor/Team
9. Leg times (including Transtion and Penalty if given)
10. Final Chip Time

Use the attached Excel spreadsheet to use as a template.