



# Here's all you need to know for the 2009 WSSA World Sport Stacking Championships

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## Dear PE Teachers and Sport Stacking Instructors:

Thanks for being a part of this year's big tournament at the Denver Coliseum on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> (8 am to 5:30 pm) and Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (8 am to 3 pm). Online you will find the **Championship Checklist and WSSA Sport Stacking Rule Book**: Everything you, your students and parent coaches need to know to compete.

### **Championship Checklist includes:**

- ▶ A detailed rundown of all events; what to do and where to be
- ▶ Floor plan of the competition areas
- ▶ Map to the Denver Coliseum

### **WSSA Sport Stacking Rule Book includes:**

- ▶ Official rules, definition of terms, proper stacking sequences, event procedures
- ▶ Official sport stacking court diagram
- ▶ Official tournament divisions and events

Please make sure each parent coach who turns in their registration forms and fees to you has a copy of this information. Download at [www.WorldSportStackingAssociation.org](http://www.WorldSportStackingAssociation.org).

## **Reminders**

- ▶ If you haven't already, please return volunteer and registration forms and fees ASAP to:  
**2009 WSSA World Sport Stacking Championships**  
Attn: Mark Lingle, WSSA Director  
PO Box 630526 Highlands Ranch, CO 80163-0526  
FAX: 303-962-5650
- ▶ Volunteer Registration forms need to be turned in with the Individual, Doubles and Team Registration forms and fees.
- ▶ Be sure each team has a coach who has contacted the parents of all team members.

## **Questions?**

Call Mark Lingle at 303-962-5672 or send an email to him at:  
[mlingle@worldsportstackingassociation.org](mailto:mlingle@worldsportstackingassociation.org)



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Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Denver Coliseum

## Championship Checklist

- Be sure you've **registered for ALL your events** (8 possible): 3 Individual, 2 Doubles and 3 Relay (2 Head-To-Head and 1 Timed 3-6-3). Though not required, we encourage each Stacker to take part in all the events they are eligible for.
- Bring your own set of **SPEED STACKS®**, or you may borrow a set for the day at the Information Booth. SPEED STACKS® will be available for purchase, along with ALL the SPEED STACKS sport stacking products.
- Bring money for **food** and your official 2009 WSSA World Sport Stacking Championships **custom apparel**.
- Try your hardest, be a good sport, and have fun!

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Prohibited items inside the Denver Coliseum include: illegal drugs, glass bottles, aluminum cans, ice chests, coolers, outside food and beverage, stools, folding chairs, skateboards, in-line skates, fireworks, firearms or other weapons, animals (except certified guide dogs for disabled). The following items are subject to search at entry: large bags, athletic bags, and backpacks.

### Event Highlights!

- **NEW! StackFest Saturday!** Free interactive stacking stations for the whole family!
- **NEW! Expanded "Teen" Age Divisions:** Individual events now include separate divisions for 13,14,15,16,17 &18 year olds.
- **TWO DAYS! Saturday-**Prelims & Head-To-Head Relays; **Sunday-**Finals & STACK OF CHAMPIONS.
- **STACK OF CHAMPIONS:** Once the divisional finals are complete, top Overall finalists will be invited on stage to better their times and have one last shot at new world records.
- **SPEED STACKS International Challenge** (An exclusive WSSA World Championships Event): SPEED STACKS has invited the top relay teams from around the world to represent their countries and to participate in a special head-to-head, double elimination Cycle relay competition.

## What sport stacking is all about:

*We build only positive pyramids! Lots of encouragement!  
No put downs. Only humble winners and gracious losers.*

Sport stacking not only develops important physical skills, such as hand-eye coordination, quickness and focus, it also promotes self-confidence, teamwork and good sportsmanship. Our intent in holding this tournament is to uphold these qualities and provide a positive experience for all. Please understand that most everyone involved in today's event is a volunteer working hard to do the best job they can do. Like any athletic competition, decisions and judgments will be made—most will be correct, some may be questionable—all will be sincere. We ask that all those taking part in today's tournament, including Stackers, Coaches, Officials and Spectators, do their best to work together, be good sports and positive role models and have a terrific time! Thanks for taking part in this year's WSSA World Sport Stacking Championships!



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**SATURDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>****8:00 am Doors open****8:00-9:45 am Coach Check-In**

- Coaches only should report to the appropriate registration table located in the Denver Coliseum Main Foyer.
- Remember: you must field a full team of at least four stackers. Teams less than four will be disqualified.
- You will receive:
 

1) Coach Instructions and badge	5) Championship Checklist
2) 2009 World Championships participant lapel pins	6) Judges Procedures and Tips—Key Points from Rule Book
3) Personalized Prelim Time Sheets; “My Best Times” sheets	7) Program
4) Team sign for Head-To-Head Relay Races	8) Mandatory Coaches Meeting Map

- Find seats for your team in the section directly above your Age Division. Rows 1-5 in each section are reserved for spectators. Teams sit up behind spectators in rows 6 and above. Please keep your team together.
- “Warm up” tables are available on arena floor and on both sides of Main Concourse. (Competition Tables are off limits.)
- Participate in StackFest stations on both sides of Main Concourse including Jumbo Relays in center of arena.
- Attend mandatory Coaches Meeting at 9:45 am under Section 121 (enter behind right grandstand of stage—see map).

**Note to “Free Agent” Stackers & Coaches** – In the Main Foyer you will be given a map and directed to the “Free Agent Area” under Section 116. **Stackers** will pick up their Individual Prelim Time Sheet and “My Best Times” sheet and proceed to compete in the Individual Prelims on their own at anytime. They will meet their coach and teammates as indicated below. **Coaches** will pick up their Coaches Packet and meet their stackers at their team sign in the “Free Agent Area.” Two meeting times have been set: 9:30 am or 10:45 am (just before or after the Mandatory Coaches meeting from 9:45-10:30 am.)

**Individuals (not on a team)** – Pick up your Individuals and Doubles (if applicable) Prelim Time Sheets and 2009 participant lapel pin at the registration table in the foyer. Warm up and compete in the Prelims at anytime and participate in StackFest Saturday!

**8:30-11 am Jumbo Floor Relays** Open to all stackers & spectators (parents, that's you!). Form a team of 4 and join the fun!

**9:15-11:15 am Prelims (Option 1) Individual, Doubles, & Timed 3-6-3 Relay**

**Note:** Prelims can be done at ANY division in the Main Competition Area on the arena floor, as well as the Foyer Competition Area on the concourse. Find ANY available competition table--you do not need to do your Prelims in your age division! Stackers may compete only once in each of the events.

**Individual Prelims** Each Competition Table has a corresponding “On Deck” Table where all Stackers start. Each Stacker warms up at the On Deck Table prior to their turn at the Competition Table. (Note: Normal warm-ups still happen at the Competition Table as well.) On Deck Table time is limited and commits the Stacker to compete next. (Consider this the equivalent of an “on deck circle” in baseball.) Once at the Competition Table the Stacker will establish fastest times in Individual 3-3-3, 3-6-3 and Cycle stacks (in this order) although he/she may choose not to compete in all three events. The Stacker will be met by a Judge, who will ask for their personalized Individual Prelim Time Sheet and “My Best Times” sheet. Prior to each stack, the Stacker will have the opportunity to do up to two (2) warm-ups before being timed three times for each particular stack. The Judge will record the “Best Time” in each category and then sign the Time Sheet. This sheet will remain at the table to be picked up by a Runner who will deliver them to the Scoring Area. A Stacker’s “Best Time” in each stack will be recorded on their “My Best Times” sheet for them to keep and compare to current World Records. **Spectators, please remain in stands, unless Jumbo Stacking.**

► Once all times have been entered into the computer at the end of the Individual Prelims, Stackers whose time remains in the **top 10** of their division (posted on the Big Screen Leader Board), will qualify for that Individual Finals event on Sunday (See “Timed Finals Schedule & Locations”). **Important Note to Divisions 15,16,17 & 18: Although the top 10 in each of these divisions will appear on the Big Screen Leader Board, ONLY THE TOP 5 STACKERS IN EACH OF THESE DIVISIONS WILL QUALIFY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL FINALS EVENT ON SUNDAY.** Individual Prelims (Option 2) end at 1:30 pm.

**Doubles Prelims** Doubles teams also start at the On Deck Tables at any division. Once at the Competition Table they get two (2) warm-ups and three tries in the Cycle stack (Special Stackers do the 3-6-3). (Follow same Time Sheet procedure as Individual Prelims.) Once all times have been entered for the Doubles Prelims, the **top 5** teams in each division (posted on the Big Screen Leader Board), will qualify for the Doubles Finals which will take place on Sunday. (See “Timed Finals Schedule & Locations”) **Doubles Prelims (Option 2) end at 1:30 pm.**

**9:15-11:15 am Prelims (Option 1) Individual, Doubles, & Timed 3-6-3 Relay , cont.**

**Timed 3-6-3 Relay Prelims** This event follows the same procedures as noted above in the Individual & Doubles Prelims except there are no warm-ups allowed at the Competition Table. The **top 4** teams in each division from the Prelims (posted on the Big Screen Leader Board) will qualify for the Finals, which will take place on Sunday. (See "Timed Finals Schedule & Locations")  
**Important- Timed 3-6-3 Relay Prelims (Option 2) end at 12:30 noon.**

**NOTE: Special Stackers Finals** will be held at their Division in the Foyer Competition Area at 12:30 pm on Saturday. Because of this, **all Special Stackers Prelims must be completed by 11:15 am.**

**NOTE: ALL FREE AGENT STACKERS & COACHES:** Hook up with each other at your team sign in the "Free Agent Area" under Section 116. Try first at 9:30 am, then again at 10:45 am if necessary.

**9:45-10:30 am Mandatory Coaches Meeting** (Under Section 121, enter behind right grandstand of stage. This meeting is for Coaches only to help prepare for Head-to-Head Relays , which begin after the Opening Ceremonies. Designate a team parent to oversee your team while you are at this meeting.

**11:15-11:30 am Opening Ceremonies (On Stage)**

► At this time we will clear the Competition Area and ask all teams to either sit up front in the grandstands near the stage or return to their seats in the arena stands to enjoy the official opening of this year's exciting tournament!

**11:30am-1:30 pm Head-To-Head 3-6-3 Relays (3-3-3 for 6U), and Prelims (option 2)**

► Immediately following the Opening Ceremonies, return to your division where your Division Managers will introduce themselves and call down all Coaches for a brief pre-tournament meeting. Roll will be called, brackets will be passed out and checked, and a quick review of procedures & rules will be done. The first teams to compete will be called down. These teams report to the Competition Tables that have been assigned to them for that race (announced by a Division Manager). Subsequent teams will be called to the "On Deck Tables" where they will have the opportunity to warm-up. From there, your team, and another, will be called up to compete at a Competition Table when it becomes available. **(Only teams who have been called to the On Deck Tables should be there. Spectators must remain in the stands.)**

**NOTE: Coaches are to hold up their Team Sign (found in Team packet) for Division Managers to identify their team.**

► Your team will compete at the same Competition Tables throughout your Age Division tournament. This will be a double-elimination tournament. This assures every team of competing in at least two matches. A "match" consists of the best two out of three relay races between two teams.

**TO COACHES & STACKERS:** To exhibit good sportsmanship, at the beginning and end of each match, win or lose, please line your team up to "high five" or shake hands with the opposing team. Please work hard to keep the day positive for everyone involved! Thanks!

► Once you've completed your first relay match, return to your seat in the stands. You can watch other teams in your division while waiting to take part in subsequent matches. A large poster will be on display in your division showing the competition brackets and how your team is progressing.

► At all times, keep your **EYES and EARS** open for your Division Managers. They will give a "first call" and a "last call" for your team to compete. If your team is late, it will result in an automatic forfeit. If your team continues to progress in the tournament, please return to your seat in the stands between matches. If your team loses two matches and is eliminated, please exit the Competition Area. If your team members still need to complete their Prelims, they may do so now. (See page 4) Once Prelims are completed, go participate in StackFest on both the North & South Concourses.

► The last two teams remaining in each division will qualify to compete in the final match to take place right then. The third and fourth place teams should remain for the medal presentations.

► Once the final match in your division tournament is completed, your Division Managers will award medals to the top four teams in your division. The presentation will be made at your age division sign.

**NOTE: In all divisions where more than 16 teams are competing, two or more "mini" tournaments will take place. The top two teams of each "mini" tournament will then compete for top honors in a "mini-tournament Finals" for that division.**

**11:30am-1:30 pm Head-To-Head 3-6-3 Relays (3-3-3 for 6U), and Prelims (Option 2), cont. Prelims (Option 2) Individual, Doubles & Timed 3-6-3 Relay**

► Stackers on teams that have been eliminated in the 3-6-3 Relays (3-3-3 for 6U) and who did not do all of their Prelims during the Option 1 time, may do so now. At first, these Prelims will only occur at the available competition tables in the Foyer Competition Area on the concourse. Once tables open up in the Age Divisions, these events will take place there as well. Once all Prelims are completed, go participate in StackFest with the whole family!

**IMPORTANT!!!: 12:30 pm is the CUT-OFF TIME for Timed 3-6-3 Relay Prelims. Individual and Doubles Prelims will continue until 1:30 pm.****12:30-1:30 pm Special Stackers Finals (Individual, Doubles & Timed 3-6-3 Relay)**

► These take place at the Special Stackers Division in the Foyer Competition Area. Once all of these finals have been completed and awards presented to Special Stackers, their families and friends will immediately move down to the stage in the main arena for a quick photo session and public announcement recognizing our Special Stackers!

**1:30-3:00 pm Head-To-Head Cycle Relays (3-6-3 Relay for 6U)**

► We will follow the same procedures as in the Head-To-Head 3-6-3 Relays (3-3-3 for 6U) with the exception that this will be a **single elimination** format. (Teams will be “seeded” in their brackets based on the Timed 3-6-3 Relay Prelims which must have been completed by 12:30 pm!) The only “consolation match” will be one to determine 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places after the “Semi-final” matches and before the Final match. Medals will be presented immediately to the top 4 teams in each division.

**Note: The final match of the 6U Head-To-Head 3-6-3 Relay will be run on Sunday as part of the STACK OF CHAMPIONS.**

**3:30-4:30 pm SPEED STACKS International Challenge (on stage)**

► SPEED STACKS, Inc., a Primary Sponsor of the 2009 WSSA World Sport Stacking Championships, has invited the top relay teams from around the world to represent their countries in this special event. Each country has been asked to provide up to two of its top teams to compete in this dual bracketed double elimination, Head-To-Head Cycle tournament. The final 2 teams from each bracket will advance to the Finals Stage on Sunday during the STACK OF CHAMPIONS. All are invited to pack the grandstands around the stage to watch this exciting international event.

**4:30-5:30 pm Open (19 & above) Division Head-To-Head Relays (on stage, 3-6-3, then Cycle)**

► This competition will also take place on the stage and follow the same H-T-H Relay procedures as previously described (3-6-3 - double elimination; Cycle - single - elimination).

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>**

### **8:00 am Doors open**

► Find seats for you and/or your team in the section above your Age Division. Remember, Rows 1-5 in each section are reserved for spectators. Stackers sit in rows 6 and above.

### **8:00-8:45 am Warm up Period**

► All stackers who qualified for today's Finals may warm up at the On Deck Tables on the arena floor or at the Warm Up Tables on either side of the Main concourse. **Spectators please remain in the stands.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT ALL FINALS EVENTS** *For the specific location of each of the divisional Finals events, see "TIMED FINALS SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS" (page 7). To streamline the Finals, two competitors/teams will stack simultaneously, yet independent of one another, on separate tables in each division. All Finals will involve 2 judges and incorporate color-coded verification cards and possible "video review". (Note: Video review, when necessary will take place after all three tries. See WSSA Rule Book for details). Awards will be presented at each division immediately following each Finals event. The three "Overall" fastest stackers in EACH timed event from the Divisional Finals will qualify for the STACK OF CHAMPIONS on stage at 1:00 pm. (See page 6.)*

### **8:45-9:15 am Individual 3-3-3 Finals** (see "Timed Finals Schedule & Locations")

► Each of the top 10 finalists from the Individual Prelims in each Age Division in the 3-3-3 stack will compete for 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> places. **(NOTE: Only Top 5 in Divisions 15,16,17 & 18.)** The 10 stackers will start from scratch and once again warm up and then stack three times. The On Deck Table procedure will once again be employed here. Stackers will go two at a time (on separate tables, independent of one another) starting with the 10<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> ranked finalists then the others in ascending order. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> ranked stackers will go one at a time. Once all 10 stackers have competed they will be ranked and awards will be presented immediately.

**Tie Breakers:** In all timed events, ties are broken in both the Finals competition of each division as well as the Top Overall standings as follows: ties produced by identical times shall be separated by the second-best performances of the tying competitors; if a tie still remains, by the third-best performances; and finally then by the best Prelims time. If a tie still remains then it shall simply be deemed a tie.

### **9:15-10:00 am Individual 3-6-3 Finals** (same location as 3-3-3 Finals above)

► Follow same procedure as 3-3-3 Finals above.

### **10:00-11:00 am Individual Cycle Finals** (same location as 3-3-3 Finals above)

► Follow same procedure as 3-3-3 Finals above.

### **11:00-11:30 am Age Division Doubles Finals** (see "Timed Finals Schedule & Locations")

► Each of the top 5 Doubles teams in each of the Doubles Age Divisions from the Prelims will compete for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> places in the Finals. An "On Deck Table" warm up period will be provided. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ranked teams will stack first, followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams and finally the top ranked team. Once all 5 Teams have competed, they will be re-ranked and awards will be presented immediately. Note: Child/Parent Doubles Finals take place at 12:00 noon (see below).

### **11:30 am-12 noon Timed 3-6-3 Relay Finals** (see "Timed Finals Schedule & Locations")

► The top 4 teams from the prelims in each division qualify for their divisional Finals. Each team will start from scratch and have three tries. Remember, no warm ups will take place at the Competition Table. An "On Deck Table" warm up period will be provided. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams will stack first followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> ranked teams. Once all 4 Teams have competed, they will be re-ranked and awards will be presented immediately.

### **12:00-12:30 pm Child/Parent Doubles Finals** (see "Timed Finals Schedule & Locations")

► Same procedures as "Age Division Doubles Finals" above.

### **12:30-1:00 pm Lunch Break**

► Watch Leader Board for STACK OF CHAMPIONS qualifiers.

**12:30-1:00 pm Prepare for STACK OF CHAMPIONS**

► **Stackers Meeting:** Those who will be competing in the STACK OF CHAMPIONS will meet “backstage” under Section 116. Enter through double doors next to the left stage grandstand under Section 116. Be sure to bring your Speed Stacks®.

► **Spectators please move into grandstand seating.** Note that the center section is reserved first for the “family and friends” of the Stackers competing on stage. Also a section of seats is reserved for the competitors in the lower left grandstand.

**1:00-3:00 pm STACK OF CHAMPIONS**

The STACK OF CHAMPIONS will showcase the top 3 “Overall” fastest stackers in each timed event based on the Divisional Finals. Beginning with the third fastest from that event, each stacker/team has earned the opportunity to have another shot at bettering their time and potentially affecting the “Overall” outcome of the tournament. Stackers/Teams can only “better” their time; they cannot “lose” what they have previously accomplished. Potential improved times will be video reviewed after the 3 tries. “Overall” places will be determined and awards will be presented immediately for that event.

- **Opening**
- **Individual 3-3-3**
- **6U Head-To-Head Relay (Final Match)**
- **Doubles**
- **Individual 3-6-3**
- **Timed 3-6-3 Relay**
- **Individual Cycle**
- **SPEED STACKS International Challenge (H-T-H Cycle Relay)-  
Two Semi-Final Matches and the Final Match.**
- **Award Individual All Around**
- **Award remaining Top Ten “Overall” winners in each Timed Event**
- **Wrap-Up**

Thanks for your participation in the  
2009 WSSA World Sport Stacking Championships!

**See you in 2010!**



**World Sport Stacking Association Questions?**

**Contact Mark Lingle,**

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or fax your request to 303-962-5650.

# Timed Finals Schedule and Locations

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>**

To help expedite the Timed Finals, we will maximize our tables and judges. The majority of competitors will remain in their designated Age Division areas for the Timed Finals. However, please note the following exceptions.

**Note: Special Stackers Finals will take place at the Special Stackers Division (in the Foyer Competition Area-Tables 1 & 2) from 12:30 to 1:30 pm on Saturday, April 18th Awards will be presented immediately following their Finals in the same location.**

## **Individual**

**3-3-3 8:45-9:15 am**  
**3-6-3 9:15-10:00 am**  
**Cycle 10:00-11:00 am**

**Top 5 Div. 15,16,17,18**  
**Top 10 All other divisions**

*All Stackers will compete in their own designated Age Division area with the exception of :*

<b>4U</b>	Go to Division 12, Tables 3, 4
<b>5</b>	Go to Division 11, Tables 5, 6
<b>6</b>	Go to Division 11, Tables 3, 4
<b>13</b>	Go to Division 10, Tables 1,2
<b>17&amp;18</b>	Go to Division 8, Tables 3, 4
<b>Collegiate&amp;Seniors</b>	Go to Division 10, Tables 5, 6
<b>Masters 1</b>	Go to Division 6U, Tables 1, 2
<b>Masters 2</b>	Go to Division 9, Tables 1, 2
<b>Masters 3</b>	Go to Foyer , Tables 1, 2

## **Age Division Doubles**

**11:00-11:30 am**

**Top 5 All divisions**

<b>7U</b>	Division 7, Tables 1, 2
<b>10U</b>	Division 10, Tables 3, 4
<b>12U</b>	Division 12, Tables 1, 2
<b>14U</b>	Division 13-14, Tables 1, 2
<b>18U</b>	Division 15-18, Tables 1, 2
<b>Collegiate &amp; Seniors</b>	Go to Division 10, Tables 5, 6
<b>Masters 1</b>	Go to Division 6U, Tables 1, 2
<b>Masters 2</b>	Go to Division 9, Tables 1, 2
<b>Masters 3</b>	Go to Foyer , Tables 1, 2

## **Timed 3-6-3 Relay**

**11:30 am-12:00 pm**

**Top 4 All divisions**

*All Stackers will compete in their own designated Age Division area with the exception of :*

<b>6U</b>	Go to Division 11, Tables 3, 4
<b>Open</b>	Go to Division 6U, Tables 1, 2

**Child/Parent Doubles**  
**12:00-12:30 pm**

**Top 5**

**Child/Parent** Go to Division 11, Tables 5, 6