



Individual Prelims

Procedures/Tips for Judges

1. Prior to approaching your competition table the Stacker will be warming up at the “On Deck” table. At this point they are committed to “compete” at your competition table and cannot choose to leave and compete later.
2. Receive from the Stacker their **preprinted Individual Prelim Time Sheet (blue) and confirm Stacker’s information.**
3. There are two (2) warm ups allowed prior to each competition stack (3-3-3, 3-6-3 and Cycle) however a stacker may choose to do only one or none at all. Warm ups for each competition stack must be done before the first actual timed try and may not be done in-between subsequent tries of that same stack. Prelims *must be done in the following order: 3-3-3, 3-6-3, then Cycle.*
4. Judge says “Reset Timer and Start When Ready”. The Stacker places their hands on the touch pads of the StackMat® and may begin their attempt any time after the green light on the StackMat® comes on. (Note: If a “hiccup” occurs the Judge will allow the Stacker to go again. A “hiccup” is an accidental starting and stopping of the timer.)
5. Look for infractions which constitute a “scratch”.
 - ▶ **(S1) Improper starting and stopping hand positions** on the StackMat® (Must be below wrist; no cup contact; stopping-one hand on Timer OK)
 - ▶ **(S2) Cups must be stacked on the surface of the StackMat®**
 - ▶ **(S3) Stacking sequence:** Work from left to right or right to left. (Down stacking must follow same sequence as up stacking.)
 - ▶ **(S4) Fumbles** not corrected properly (Tipper, Slider, Toppler, Slanter-two types)
 - ▶ **(S5) Hands on two stacks of cups:** *Make sure hands are not on two stacks at once except:*
 - 1) during the down stacking phase, fumbles may be corrected **prior** to stopping the Timer and one hand may correct fumble while the other hand continues down stacking the other stack(s) in order;
 - 2) when a stack has been “down stacked,” then Stacker may leave one hand on the “down stacked” stack while other hand continues to “down stack” remaining stack(s) (This includes fixing a “Toppler”)—cannot “down stack” two stacks at once or “up stack” one set and “down stack” another at same time;
 - 3) in Cycle stack transitions:
 - a) from the 3-6-3 to the 6-6, hands **may** be on the two 3’s at the same time, however the up stack of the first six cannot be attempted until the down stack of the last three has been completed. (Note: A Stacker may re-position the first 3 by sliding the cups along the StackMat’s surface but the entire lip of the bottom cup must be in contact with the StackMat’s surface during this transition. After the last 3 have been down stacked a Stacker may begin up stacking the 6-6.)
 - b) from the 6-6 to the 1-10-1, once an attempt has been made to down stack the first 6, the second 6 may be down stacked. (**NOTE:** All 12 cups must be involved in the down stack (leaving none behind) and come together in either a) one down stacked column of 12 or b) when forming this down stacked column one or two of the 12 cups may remain behind in the stackers hand(s) before proceeding into the 1-10-1.)
 - c) in the 1-10-1, single cups on left and right may be handled simultaneously (1-10-1: turn and “tap” cups)
 - ▶ **(S6) False Stop** (This includes if a fumble occurs on “down stack” of final cups and the StackMat® is stopped; no cup contact.)
6. Record times to 1/100 of a second. (Example: 5.43)
7. Record “Best Time” on the Individual Prelim Time Sheet (blue). Include your signature, the division you are judging in and table #. Keep this for a Division Manager or Runner to pick up.
8. Complete the “My Best Times” sheet (yellow) provided by the Stacker.

Judge’s Etiquette

- Do not eat or drink while judging.
- Leave nothing on the table (clipboard in lap, water bottle set next to table leg).
- Do not lean on the table while judging.

Be consistent, be sensitive. Encourage and take time to teach when appropriate.