



Timed 3-6-3 Relay Prelims

Procedures/Tips for Judges

1. This event **combines elements** of both the “Head-to-Head” Relay Competition and the “Individual Timed Competition”. It is a relay race against the clock (not against another team), and infractions result in “scratches” rather than “penalty points”.
2. A Relay Team must consist of **4 Stackers**. Teams with 5 Stackers may substitute in a Stacker at their discretion between “tries”.
3. Receive from the Relay Team their **preprinted Timed 3-6-3 Relay Prelim Time Sheet** for this event and confirm the Team’s information.
4. There are **NO warm ups** in this event.
5. Judge **stands on the side of the table** (behind Tournament Display) to watch the **stacking** on the table and **foot positions** at the start line.
6. **Race Procedure:**
 - ❑ **Lead Stacker** starts at the StackMat®. Other three Stackers line up single file behind the start line.
 - ❑ The Judge will say, “**Reset timer and start when ready**”. The Lead Stacker will reset the clock and place both hands on the touch pads of the StackMat®.
 - ❑ The Lead Stacker will **begin stacking when ready**. Once the stack has been completed, the Lead Stacker will run back and touch one foot down, on or over the **start line** allowing Waiting Stacker (with both feet behind start line and in contact with floor) to leave start line and run to table.
 - ❑ This **continues** with the second, third and fourth stackers.
 - ❑ The **Final Stacker** will stop the StackMat® and return to the backcourt.
7. **Scratches** - not penalty points. Stop run immediately and record “Scratch”. (See “Scratch Key”)

(ATTENTION: Although the start line and backcourt centerline DO apply in this event for the Waiting and Returning Stackers, disregard the centerline on the floor in the front court and on the table. A Stacker’s cup(s) and foot/feet may be on or across the front court or table centerline without an infraction.)

8. Record times to the **1/100th** of a second. (Example: 25.34)
9. **Record “Best Time”** on Timed 3-6-3 Relay Prelim Time Sheet. Include your signature, and the table # where you are judging. (Keep this for a Division Manager or Runner to pick up.)
10. Complete the “**My Best Prelim Times**” Sheets provided by each team member if they have them.

NOTE: If someone other than the stacker touches a fumbled cup(s), the stacker simply retrieves the cup(s) and continues.

Judge’s Etiquette

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

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