

## **TIMING A REGIONAL/NATIONAL RACE**

### **The Orbits set-up**

Either use one of your additional fields for N, R, B (National, Regional, Both), or work with the Registrar to change the class designations (FA-N or N-FA). If you use MotorsportsReg, they will have a field to enter N, R, B, which will attach itself to the class field. Each of these methods has advantages and complications.

### **If there are enough computers and personnel:**

Use the additional field to indicate N, R, or B.

On the front row, have a National computer, a Regional computer, and a combined computer. All the computers will have the full driver database and time all the cars. The National computer will have the Regional drivers hidden in the results window; the Regional computer will have the National drivers hidden. The combined computer will show everyone, and should be used to create the grid, and for RMon or other live results distribution.

On the back row, there should be a National Remote computer, a Regional Remote computer, and a combined Remote computer. Produce the National results from the National Remote computer, and the Regional results from the Regional Remote computer. This enables you to keep the template header for each, and should prevent confusion about which set of results you're doing. The combined Remote computer will produce results in the normal fashion, producing the grid and combined race results.

When making copies to distribute to drivers, you might put the combined results on one side of the sheet, and the National or Regional results on the other side. This way all drivers can see their individual and combined results.

### **If you don't have enough computers and personnel**

If running multiple computers is impossible, you can separate the National and Regional results by separating the classes while doing the results.

Use a class designator that includes -N, -R, or -B. Remember to change your lap records to have all these new classes.

Use 1 or 2 computers on the front row, and a like number on the back row, running Orbits Remote.

When the session is finished, do combined results, as usual, and create the grid. Then separate the National drivers from the Regional drivers in the following manner:

- In the Processing Tab, Create a New Merge.
- Choose the group into which this merge should be placed.
- Name the merge something sensible, like National Qualifying or Regional Qualifying.
- You'll want the merge to sort on Qualifying. The method is the Best result. ("Next" to the next screen.)
- Select the run that you want to merge (i.e., qualifying), and use the >> to move that run into the right window.
- From the "No filter" pull down below the right window, choose Filter on Class.
- Check the boxes that indicate the National (or Regional) classes.

The resulting merge will show just the classes you have chosen. When you print the result of the merge, however, you'll see that the usual template choice is not available. Merges have a particular, hard-coded template, with a limited number of column choices. One of the missing columns is Best Time, which is one of the required fields on race results. (The best time will show on the Qualifying merge, but not on the Race merge.)

Repeat the merge procedure for the Regional (or National) classes.