

How to use the GeBe thermal printer (aka "splits printer") for a Mass-Start event

Preparation

When you sync the controls for your meet to the SI Master, sync one extra control. Call this the *timer control*.

This *timer control* will be used to capture the exact time of the Mass-Start -- remember the number of this control so you can find it on the day of the event.

At the event

1. Borrow a finger-stick from NEOC's loaner sticks.
2. **Important!** Clear and Check the finger-stick.
3. Take to the Start location: the finger-stick and the *timer control* you sync-ed in Preparation.
4. On Mass-Start, punch the control box with the finger-stick. (The box should beep and flash once.)

You have just captured the start time on the finger-stick. Now you have to enter that start time into Ór.

Set the Start Time in Ór

1. Download the Mass-Start finger-stick to the GeBe thermal printer.
2. The GeBe will print a short report with the control number of the *timer control* and the **time** it was punched. This is the time of the Mass-Start punch, the start time of the event.
3. Enter the reported time into Ór as the Default Start Time for the Mass-Start course(s). [In Ór's menu, click Edit > Courses...]

When a Mass-Start runner downloads to Ór, his/her finger-stick won't have a Start punch on it. In that case, Ór uses the Default Start Time for the runner's course and all is well.

NB: The GeBe doesn't know the start time, it just reports what's on the finger-stick. Splits printouts for Mass-Start runners will not include the first leg (Start > control 1). For that reason, the total time reported on the thermal printout is meaningless.

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