Finishlynx / Meet Manager

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Agenda

- **Couple Things:**
  - **Meet Manager**
  - **Finishlynx**

- **Using Technology & Running a 3-hour Track Meet**

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Meet Manager

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Meet Manager

- **Handout – Hy-tek Help Doc**
  - **Survival guide for those who have little or no knowledge of Meet Manager**

  If you get nothing else out of today's presentation, maybe that will help come springtime...

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Meet Manager
Using Multiple Computers to Run a Meet

- **Strongly Recommend use 2 Meet Manager Computers**
  - Field Event Computer
  - Running Event Computer
- At a *Minimum*:
  - Network Running Event Computer with Finishlynx Computer

- **Hy-tek License Agreements**
  - All MM licenses allow for software to be installed on multiple computers

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Using Multiple Computers to Run a Meet

Option 1: Pro Network

Pro Network feature allows database to be shared between multiple computers over local area network.

Once network is setup:

1. Login to database in multi-user mode
2. Run meet from each computer
3. On **Run** screen, click **Refresh : Ctrl-D** to receive any changes from other computers

   - *Note: Refresh as often as desired throughout meet*

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Using Multiple Computers to Run a Meet

Option 2: Merge Results

1. On Computer A, go to **File** > **Export** > **Results for Meet Manager Merge of same meet**
2. Save file to USB drive or attach to email
3. On Computer B, go to **File** > **Import** > **Merge Results (MM to MM)**
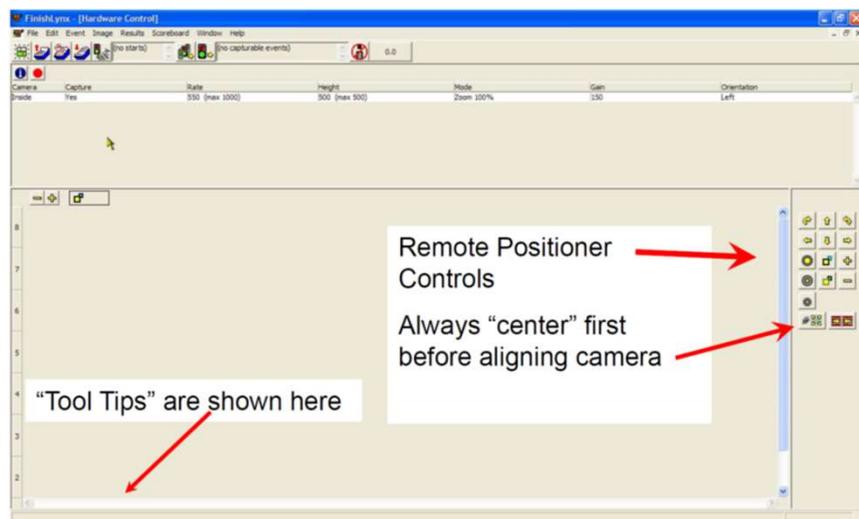4. Select file, click **Open**

- **Note:** *This process can be done as often as desired (e.g. after every few events, after every session, after entire meet, etc.)*
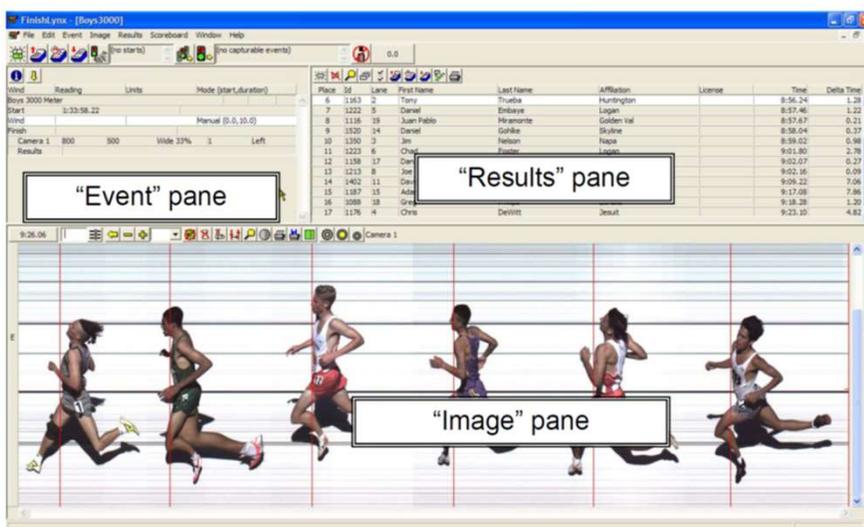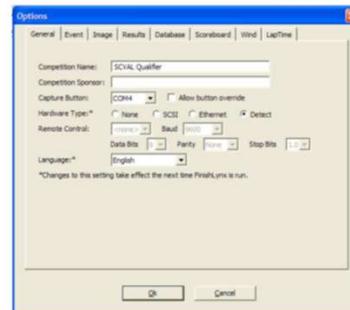
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Finishlynx

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Finishlynx Set-up & Suggestions

- File->Options
  - Actually, anything->Options
  - 8 tabs, 5 important
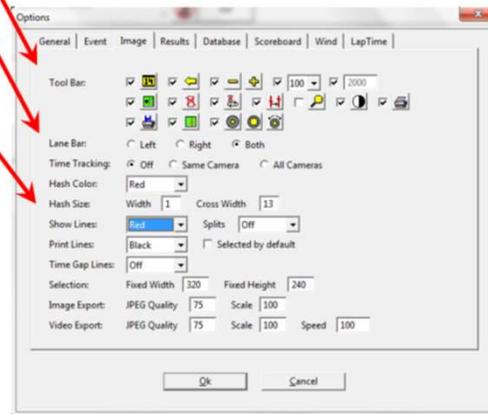- Camera Options
  - 6 tabs, 5 important

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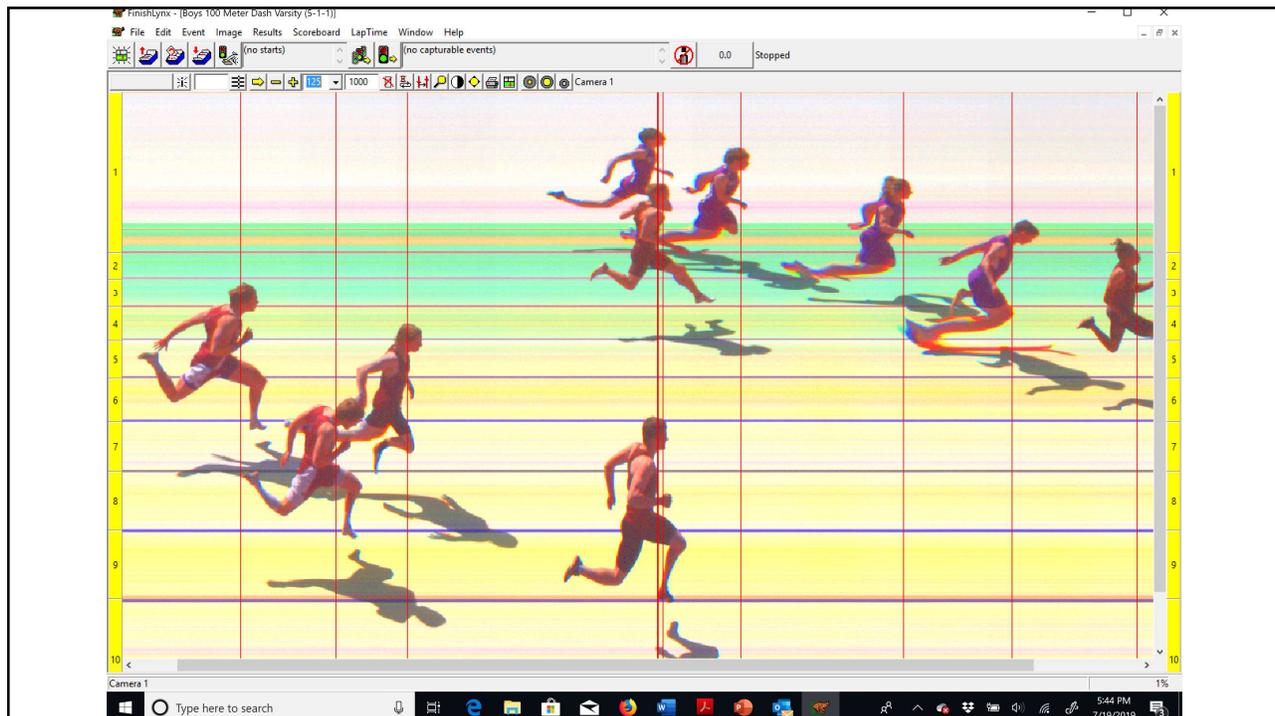
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Image Options

- Enable all toolbar items
- Lane Bars on both sides
- Use defaults for other items

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Camera Settings

- Used to control "camera specific" options
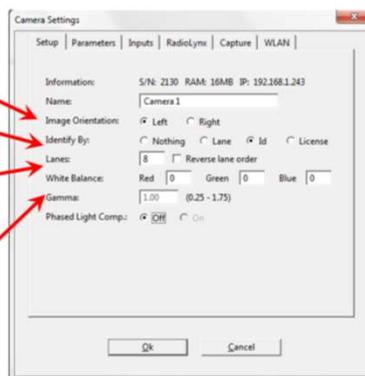- If it isn't on normal "options" windows, it's probably here.
- Found under the "Blue I"

These parameters can only be changed between races!

The Blue I

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NFHS Rules

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Results Options

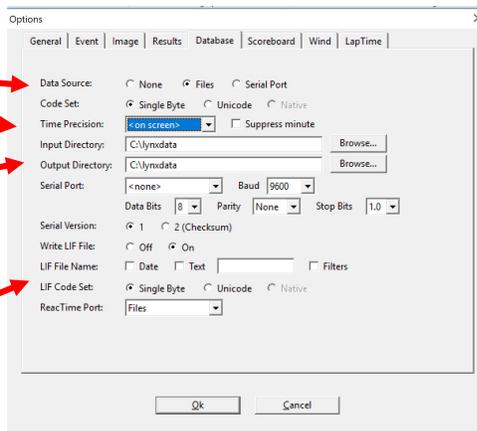- Enable all tool bar items
- Fields – default is fine
- Default Precision – set to
    Thousandths
- Round Method -- Up

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**Technology
&
Running a 3-hour Track Meet**

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The Tuesday / Thursday
(or Monday or Friday or Saturday)
Meet Challenge

Unseeded – Numbers Only Meets
No entries / Rolling schedule

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Running a 3-hour Track Meet

- **Minimum Set-up**
    - **2 Meet Manager Computers – Running Events / Field Events**
    - **1 Finishlynx Computer networked with MM Running Event Computer**
- **Pre-Meet Setup – Meet Manager**
    - **Create 2 Sessions – Running Events & Field Events**
        - **Running Events Session – *Schedule Order***
        - **Interfaces > Photo Finish - Finishlynx . . . > Update Start Lists**
            - **Session List: Running Events**
            - **Number of Heats for Unseeded Events: ## > largest group**

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Running a 3-hour Track Meet

- **Starting Line Protocol**
  - **Seeding on the fly…**
- **Finish line protocol**
  - **Sprints**
  - **Distance Races**
- **Relays**

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Starting Line Protocol

- **Seeding on the Fly….**

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Starting Line Protocol

- **Seeding on the Fly….**
  - *How we do it…*
    - **Bodies – Starter/Asst Starter, 2-4 Clerks**
    - **2x Handheld Tablets – wireless update start lists to Finishlynx**

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Grade School Track

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Running a 3-hour Track Meet
Starting Line Protocol

- **Seeding on the Fly….**
  - **How we do it…**
  - *Suggestions – what we have tried and discarded…*

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Finish Line Protocol

- **Sprints….**

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Finish Line Protocol

- **Sprints….**
  - *How we do it…*
    - **Bodies - Sprints**
      - **1 Flagger w/stopwatch**
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- **Distance Races….**

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Running a 3-hour Track Meet

- **Distance Races….**
  - *How we do it…*
    - Chip Timing
      - Chip Assignments – required all distance runners be entered in 800m
    - Bodies
      - Flagger w/stopwatch – reads times
      - 1 clerk lapcounter w/radio

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  - *How we do it…*
    - Chip Timing
    - Bodies
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    - Back-up Bodies
      - 2 clerks w/clipboard,
      - Remainder (sometimes whoever we can grab) keeping people in line

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Running a 3-hour Track Meet

Girls 3200 Meter Run Varsity

	Name	Yr	School		Finals
Section 1					
1	#270 Tiahna Vladic	12	Billings Senior		11:17.34
	1:19.28 (1:19.28)	2:39.16 (1:19.88)	4:04.20 (1:25.04)	5:30.51 (1:26.31)	
	6:58.46 (1:27.95)	8:26.33 (1:27.87)	9:54.69 (1:28.36)	11:17.34 (1:22.65)	
2	#363 Jessica DeWit	11	Sentinel		12:50.22
	1:30.40 (1:30.40)	3:03.10 (1:32.70)	4:37.95 (1:34.85)	6:14.87 (1:36.92)	
	7:53.18 (1:38.31)	9:32.39 (1:39.21)	11:12.56 (1:40.17)	12:50.22 (1:37.66)	
3	#395 Emma Nelson	10	Sentinel		13:44.62
	1:41.96 (1:41.96)	3:26.79 (1:44.83)	5:11.55 (1:44.76)	6:56.34 (1:44.79)	
	8:40.57 (1:44.23)	10:24.52 (1:43.95)	12:07.96 (1:43.44)	13:44.62 (1:36.66)	
4	#360 Lillian Commons	9	Sentinel		14:03.37
	1:44.13 (1:44.13)	3:30.13 (1:46.00)	5:18.32 (1:48.19)	7:05.61 (1:47.29)	
	8:54.48 (1:48.87)	10:44.18 (1:49.70)	12:28.71 (1:44.53)	14:03.37 (1:34.66)	
5	#350 Savannah Parks	10	Butte Central Catholic		14:22.76
	1:37.59 (1:37.59)	3:21.15 (1:43.56)	5:05.47 (1:44.32)	6:53.18 (1:47.71)	
	8:45.12 (1:51.94)	10:39.95 (1:54.83)	12:34.67 (1:54.72)	14:22.76 (1:48.09)	

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- **Distance Races….**
  - **How we do it…**
  - ***How we sometimes do it…***

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    - **Bodies**
      - **Flagger w/ stopwatch – reads times**
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      - **2 clerks w/clipboard,**
      - **Remainder (sometimes whoever we can grab) keeping people in line**
    - **Process**

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Running a 3-hour Track Meet

- **Step Back For a Minute**
  - **Interface Files – Meet Manager & Finishlynx**
    - **.ppl file – Competitors**
    - **.evt file – Schedule & Start lists**
    - **.sch file – Schedule only**
      - **-- Above files written by MM for use in Finishlynx**
      - **-- Create a MM Session so Session Order matches Meet Schedule**
    - **.lif files – Result files**
      - **-- Written by Finishlynx for use in MM**

  - **All are text files and can be viewed and edited with Notepad**

  - **By default, .lif files are named Event #-round #-Heat #.lif**

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- **If Boys & Girls Run Together**
  - **In Finishlynx – capture the race in Event with most bodies**
    - **Evaluate & Save as per Process**
    - **Results saved to .lif file – Event #-round #-Heat #.lif**
  - **MM – Get Times for Event Captured**
    - **MM will check and filter by Gender**
  - **Edit .lif file with Notepad**
    - **File > Save As – Alternate Gender Event #**
    - **Edit line 1 – Alternate Gender Event #**
    - **Save**
  - **Get Times – Alternate Gender Event**

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- **Relays….**

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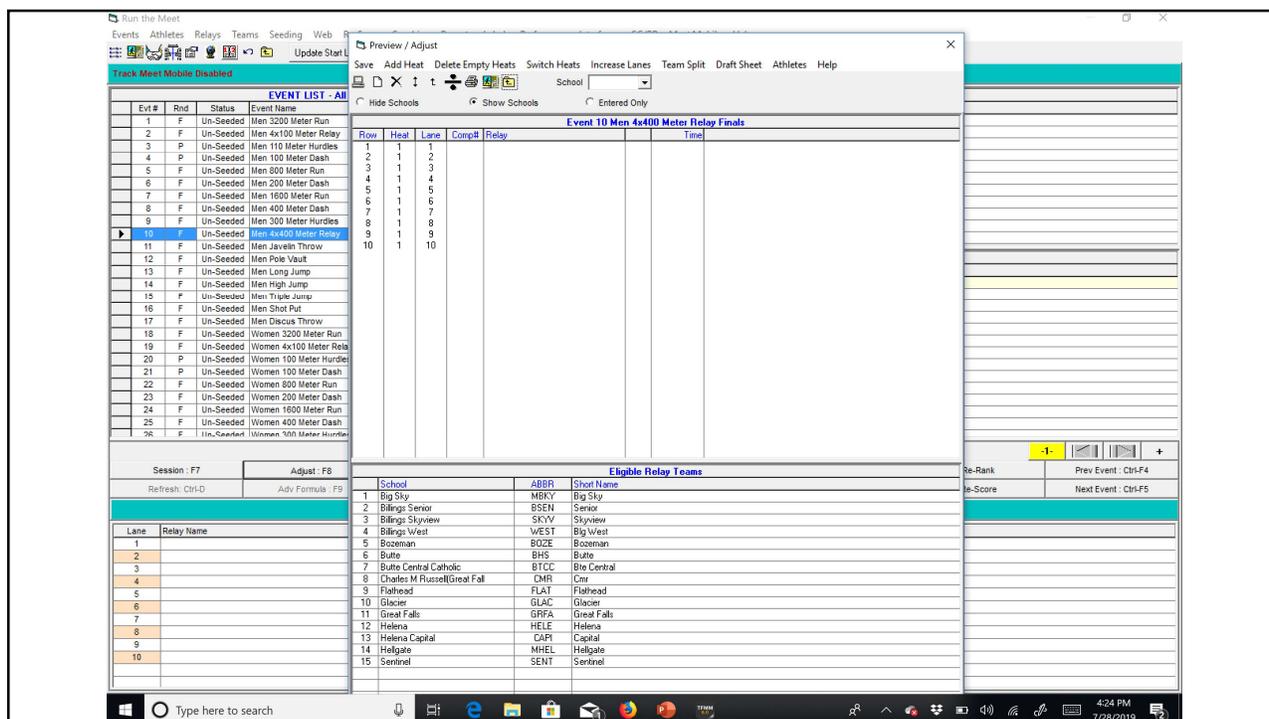## Running a 3-hour Track Meet

- **Relays….**
  - *How we do it…*
    - **MM add relays on the fly using Adjust (F8) Screen**
      - **Add all teams at the Starting Line**
      - **Fish them to appropriate lanes (4x100m Only)**
    - **Update Start Lists (Ctrl-U)**

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