

Show Preregistration using SortArena ShowRunner and the Sidekick mobile app.

Rider preregistration is now available to you, for your shows.

Once you have completed review of this document, and have had a chance to try out preregistration for yourself using your Sidekick login, you can request that preregistration be enabled for your account. By sending an email request to support@sortarena.net. The document review and Sidekick preregistration trial need to be completed prior to your request.

Riders using the Sidekick app can 'Lock in' their teams early by inviting other riders to be a team. Invites are sent instantly and automatically from one rider's Sidekick app to other riders' Sidekick app. Potential teammates use the Sidekick app to accept or decline invitations to ride as a team in a specific class. Once all team riders have accepted the invitation, the team is confirmed, and you and your **riders can see who is preregistered for the class**.

Once your riders are familiar with preregistration, this feature gives you a better idea of who and 'how many' will be coming to your event. It also let's your riders know who is already signed up at your show.

You specify which classes will feature preregistration availability for your riders. You can also specify dates when preregistration will open and when it will be closed. Riders will see a 'clipboard' icon for classes allowing preregistration and preregistration availability dates when they view your event on Sidekick's 'Upcoming' events tab.

Riders can click on the class preregistration 'clipboard' icon to start the easy, intuitive, steps to choosing teammates and inviting teammates instantly through the Sidekick app. Riders can see the status of their 'pending' invitations and 'confirmed' teams, as well as how many draws. All draw classes are super simple. Just choose how many draws they want, and they are done.

Sidekick preregistration follows the class rules that you set up for the class as to required draws, maximum rides, and allowable rider ratings and maximum team ratings. Some conditions are enforced while others provide appropriate warnings.

Ratings used for riders are the ratings that you set for that rider on your producer dashboard or the ratings you set for the rider in the last event where you 'posted' final results.

Try it out for yourself to see how easy it is.

If you look at the 'Upcoming' events in your Sidekick app, you will find an event that we set up just so you could 'play around' with the preregistration features without doing any damage. Find the Summer Rattlesnake Roundup that is scheduled for July 18-20, 2025. Take a look at the classes available and note that most have the preregistration clipboard while some do not. You will also notice dates for when preregistration is available for each class. If you click on the clipboard icon, you will be able to preregister for that class, select draws, and create picked teams by inviting other riders.

Two important notes while experimenting:

1. **If you don't find your friend in the 'invite riders' list, it is because your friend does not have Sidekick.** If your friend doesn't have Sidekick, they wouldn't be able to receive or respond to an app notification invite. So, encouraging riders to get the SortArena paid membership and the Sidekick app will make preregistration easy for everyone.
2. Since this 'not for real' event is our event, all riders have a '0' rating. So don't worry if your experimental team would be overrated for a class, in this case no teams will be overrated since everyone is a '0'. In your own event, the riders would have the ratings that you set,

Riders that you invite will receive a notification on their mobile device that shows your invitation to ride on the team. Riders that you invite can 'accept', 'decline', or just not respond. You or riders that you invite can also withdraw from a team. Only preregistration teams where all teammates have accepted the invite to ride with each other (green checkmark) are confirmed as preregistered. Only fully confirmed teams will be sent to you, the event producer, for final registration at show time. Partial or unconfirmed teams are not valid and will not be considered or sent for inclusion in the class registration at show time.

Preregistration and the ShowRunner Event Software.

It's pretty simple.

1. Class setup will provide a couple new options to allow you to 'turn on' preregistration and set window dates.
2. The list of classes will display a new button for preregistration classes that can show you how many riders and how many teams have preregistered 'so far'.
3. The registration screen will notify you of existing preregistrations and will ask you if you want to create the registration slips for those preregistrations. If you accept the preregistrations, the slips will be created for all the riders and teams automatically. From that point there is no difference from what you are already accustomed to. You can then add non-preregistration riders as usual. Any rating exceptions will be indicated as is normal.
4. The only 'gotcha' is that since SortArena represents, to your riders, that preregistration gets their team requests at the head of the line and locked in early. Therefore, it would not be appropriate to allow all other riders to get registered 'manually' prior to their team request being entered. Doing so would mean that a 'confirmed' preregistration team could be tossed because a manually entered rider's request could use up the maximum rides available for a popular rider before the preregistrations were entered. Preregistered teams need to be registered first, hence 'Pre' registration.

Note: We recently noted an inventive producer using the preregistration feature for riders to be able to reserve stalls. A special 'All Draw' class was created named 'Stalls'. Riders preregistering for the stalls class could indicate the number of stalls they wanted to reserve by choosing that same number of draws in that class. All in real time. Inventive.