

TScore Version 11.3 Release Notes

As there have been a number of significant new features in the latest version of TScore, this release note has been written to introduce them. These notes includes features added from 11.3.1 up to 11.3.25. Please see the latest User Guide for more details

Excel format Class Definition Files

The existing text files that are used to define classes are a bit fiddly to work with, as they have to be strictly column-aligned, This makes it hard to do global edits and very easy to accidentally misalign the columns. In addition, as these files have evolved over many years, the sequence and grouping of the columns is rather unintuitive.

For version 11.3 we can now use Excel files to define the classes that constitute a competition. These files are much easier to understand, and include additional information about each property, allowed values etc.

The new style class definitions can co-exist with the old format, but we recommend using the Excel versions. If you already have some modified class files, you can easily generate the Excel version of these files by creating a competition and then using the Safe to File option in the Class Editor. (There is also a bulk conversion option if you need it in the Advanced Toolbox screen).

If you do not have Excel installed on your computer, you will just see the text versions in the drop-down list of the Create Competition form. Otherwise, you will see the Excel files (prefixed with an asterisk for clarity). You will also see an option to show the text files in the list too. If the competition that you currently have open was created from a Text format class file, then txt files will also be included in the list.

To accommodate this change, and to help reduce the ever-increasing number of class files, we have changed the name of the folder that contains the class files:

Old Folder: C:\Users\Public\Documents\TScoreX\ClassDefns

New Folder: C:\Users\Public\Documents\TScoreX\ClassDefns2

One other issue that this addresses, is that if you previously tried to remove or edit any pre-defined class files in that folder, the Windows Installer Repair process would often try to replace them!

To work around that problem, TScore now copies the class files from the actual 'As Installed' folder when you first run a new installation or update. You can also manually force a repopulation of the folder from the As Installed location through a new option in the Advanced Toolkit screen.

Better support for touch screens

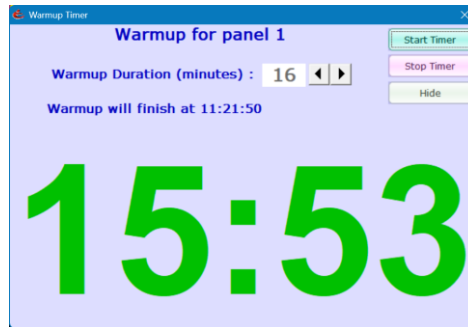
Although TScore worked on touch screens, a few controls were a bit too small or close together. Some buttons have been enlarged & repositioned to reduce the risk of clicking the wrong one, and an 'touch screen' option has been added to the Preferences->Display tab to increase the row height for competitor and class lists.

Warm-up Timers for each Panel

A new option on the Edit Database / Scoring screen lets you start, stop and adjust a warm-up timer for your panel. You need to set the panel filter on the Edit/Scoring screen first, then click the button.

The warm-up timer will default to the warm-up time allocated to the currently selected session. (If no session is chosen, it will just default to 20 minutes).

When you 'Start' the timer, it will keep counting down to zero even if you 'Hide' the window. You can stop it by clicking the 'Stop' button.



When the timer is running, the remaining time will be shown on any VScore 'Panel' displays for the panel in question. Note that due to differences in display update times, the values shown on the Panel vs the Recorder screens may vary by a second or two. The clock settings on the laptops make no difference.

Support for Combined 'Finals' or 'Bounce-offs'

If you have an event with multiple classes whose members can join into a further 'Final' or 'Bounce-Off' event (e.g. an 'Event Champion' over multiple age groups), then TScore can now accommodate this.

The existing split Qualifier / Final mechanism that is used to support 5 or 6 round events, or to schedule the final separately from qualification, has been augmented to accept 'qualifier' from multiple classes, rather than just one.

To set this up, you can either put a list of precursor class codes into the 'Previous Stages' column of the Excel class definition file, or you can achieve this in the Edit Classes screen as follows:

1. Mark all of the Qualifier (precursor) classes using <ctrl> click in the boxes at the left of the class list grid
2. Change the Name, Short Name and Team Names in the Edit area above
3. Click 'Add' and, when prompted, tell TScore to create a new Final / Bounce-Off class
4. Now you can edit the new class and set the maximum number of entrants (use 0 if you don't want to limit it).
5. Add the new class to the timetable
6. As each qualifying class finishes scoring, use the Qualify or Qualify All buttons to filter and copy the required gymnasts into the Finals class. Use 'Append' when asked.

Support for 2027 Horizontal Displacement score change

FIG (now World Gymnastics) have changed the HD scoring scheme. Previously the allowed deductions were 0,1,2,3. Now they are 0,1,3,5. TScore (and the judge's app) supports either scheme – just change it in the Rules tab of the Preferences screen. The tablets will detect the settings when they connect to the database, and the available buttons will be changed accordingly.

Configurable Colour Schemes

To help with legibility in brightly lit halls, you may now change the colour scheme in TScore. There are 3 palettes available, and each one can set the background and foreground colours of different categories of controls. In the Preferences->Display tab you will see colour setting controls, with a representation of each of the 5 screen content types (General dialogs, Filter panels, Details panels, Totals scoring and Tablet scoring). In each of those you can set colours for the window, panes, headers, values, labels and emphasised labels.