

# Assignment of Heats and Lanes in USATF/NCAA

## TRIALS

### 1. Declared contestants listed by best performance:

*Fastest* *Slowest*  
 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23

### 2. Heats are formed using serpentine assignments of competitors (left to right, right to left)

Heat #1	Heat #2	Heat #3	Assigning Lanes
1	2	3	Draw by lot for all lanes within each heat.
6	5	4	
7	8	9	
12	11	10	
13	14	15	
18	17	16	
19	20	21	
	23	22	

### 3. Competitors qualify to advance by taking places 1 through 4 from each heat plus the next four fastest times.

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## SEMI-FINAL

### 1. Weighing place first in filling lanes and then filling remaining lanes by time; seed all winners first by time, then second place finishers, . . . etc.-- working left to right and then right to left (i.e., serpentine).

Winners	Second Placers	3rd	4th	5th	Remaining
1a = fastest 1st place finisher	2a = fastest 2nd place finisher	3a	4a	5a	N1
1b = second fastest 1st place finisher	2b = second fastest 2nd place finisher	3b	4b	5b	
1c = third fastest 1st place finisher	2c = third fastest 2nd place finisher	3c	4c	5c	

### 2. Heats are formed using serpentine assignments of competitors (left to right, right to left)

Heat #1	Heat #2	Assigning Lanes (for each heat)
1a	1b	
2a	1c	
2b	2c	
3b	3a	
3c	4a	
4c	4b	
5a	5b	
N1	5c	

## FINAL

### 1. Qualify for the finals by taking the first four placers from each heat.

### 2. Draw lanes by lot; assigning four fastest finishers to lanes 3, 4, 5 and 6; and the four slowest to lanes 1, 2, 7 and 8.

