

Showday Release Notes

Version 7.0 17th November 2011

Online documents maintained directly from Showday

Documents can now be added directly from your computer to the showdayonline web site so that they appear on your page by using a new feature in the Send to Web Site option. Old documents that no longer need to be online can be removed using the same option.

Automatic checking for updates

Each time Showday starts up it now checks for the availability of a more recent version. If there is one available it gives an option to shut down and display the download page in your web browser.

Empty area section and sub-section information output to schedule

It has always been possible to use Maintain Schedule to add areas, sections and sub-sections that have no classes. However, information about them was not passed through to the Word schedule or catalogue documents. This has now changed meaning that such information as general rules, entry forms etc. can be stored in Showday and it will appear in the schedule and catalogue even when it has no associated classes.

Improvements to sending emails

The transmission of emails is now faster and new options allow for the re-sending of missed emails. Where an email run doesn't succeed in sending to all recipients a Retry button allows a resend to those who didn't receive it the first time.

Combining and splitting sub-sections

Large sections sometimes require sub-sections and in that case the classes are stored with the sub-sections instead of the section. There has previously been an option to allow the simple splitting of an existing section into sub-sections by moving the classes from the section to a new sub-section. A further option has now been added to easily combine the classes in sub-sections into one section and remove the sub-section records.

Entry date reporting

The date that an entry is received is now recorded and the Report Entries option allows reporting of number and value by date.

Formatted notes on special prizes

The notes attached to special prizes can now contain their own text formatting in the same way as other notes fields.

Optional entry numbers on entry confirmations

Some shows recalculate entry and back numbers once all entries are received and don't want the numbers that are allocated as entries are received to appear on confirmations. Entry and back numbers can now optionally be left off entry confirmations.

Update "paid up to" on invoice payment

When a member pays membership fees and the amount paid is updated using the debtors' invoicing system the paid up to field is now automatically set to the current financial year in the member's record.

Date of birth added to people table

A person's date of birth can now be stored using Maintain People.

Class name display cards new option

Class name display cards can now be printed eight to an A4 page as well as the previous two or four per page.

Prize money distribution fix

There was an error in the Distribute Prize Money option which resulted in incorrect figures being displayed. This has been corrected.

Longer invoice line descriptions

The length of invoice line descriptions has been increased to 200 characters.

Points report by back number

A new option in the Points/Prize Money Report option now allows a points report or a prize money report to be printed by back number as well as by entrant.

Remove spell checking when creating a catalogue or schedule document

When Showday links to Microsoft Word to create the schedule or catalogue it now passes a command to Word not to spell check as it receives information. Both the schedule and catalogue can contain large numbers of words that are not in the dictionary. As a result Word could sometimes display a message that there were too many spelling errors and ask what to do next. This message was sometimes hidden behind other windows and it appeared as if Showday had stopped working. With this change Word will no longer check spelling or output a message.

Handling of unassigned special prizes

Special prizes can be positioned in the schedule following a particular class. Whether they are or not, the cash requirements report will include them based on the criteria entered by the user. However, if a class was deleted after a special prize had been attached to it, the special prize was no longer being included in the cash requirements report. The report has been changed to place such prizes at the end along with unassigned prizes. The Maintain Special Prizes option has been changed to make it easy to see which special prizes are no longer attached to a class so that they can be corrected.

Limit of one megabyte on notes fields

Adding formatting to all notes fields has been available since release 6.3. Some notes fields have become extremely large which has resulted in error messages in several parts of Showday. The very large notes fields are almost always the result of adding images. To avoid error messages in the future a limit of one megabyte per notes field has been set. Simply adding text layout and text formatting has a negligible impact on file size and very large formatted notes fields can still be added. The limit will only come into play when images are added.

Version 6.3.5 – 19th May 2011**Revised layout for Excel judging sheets**

Several changes have been made to the layout of the spreadsheet that is created from the judging sheets option:

- Two new columns on the right hand side to allow entry of entrant's and steward's signatures (you can easily delete these in Excel if you don't need them).
- Removal of the '9999' appearing in the entry number column for blank lines at the end of a class.
- Adjustment to column widths to allow printing in portrait mode.
- Reduction in font size of class heading to fit on portrait mode.

Version 6.3.4 – 6th May 2011**Correction to special report processing**

Special reports were not able to be located when running from a show other than the default show.

Version 6.3.3 – 5th May 2011**Correction to email option**

A minor correction to the email option has been made to avoid the display of a redundant button.

Correction to results upload

The uploading of results to showdayonline has been modified to fix an error where RTF control characters were being added to the judges information.

Version 6.3.2 – 26th April 2011

Add new buttons to Insert After option

The Insert After option in maintain Schedule didn't allow the editing of notes fields. Buttons have been added to conform to the options on other forms.

Correction to entry numbering at class level

This is a fix for an error in the numbering of entries that occurs as they are keyed in. Where numbers were set to restart at one for each class and the classes were within sub-sections numbers weren't being allocated correctly.

Version 6.3.1 – 1st April 2011

Allow user defined reports

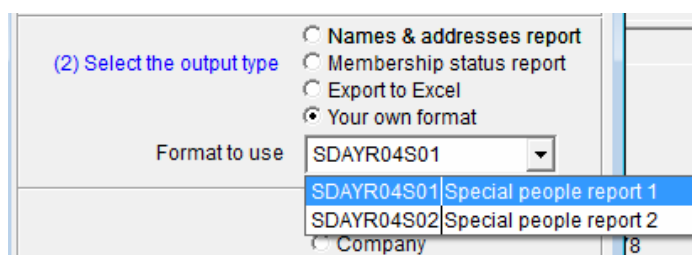
The report layouts in Showday are fixed and don't always exactly fit the user's requirements. Adding all of the different layouts required by each show to the list that appears on screen isn't practical and would cause confusion. Several of the reporting options have been changed to allow special formats designed for a particular show. The options are:

- People reports
- Entry reports
- Exhibit display cards
- Judging sheets
- Results reports
- Points/Prize Money reports
- Prize certificates
- Prize envelope labels

The way this works is:

1. The show provides details of a special layout that they would like
2. Original Software creates the special layout and sends it to the show
3. The show loads the special report into its Showday folder
4. The report is then available to select

The selection now looks like this:



The screenshot shows a software window with a title bar. On the left, there is a blue header with the text "(2) Select the output type". Below this, there is a label "Format to use" followed by a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of options: "SDAYR04S01", "SDAYR04S01 Special people report 1", "SDAYR04S02 Special people report 2", and "Company". To the right of the dropdown, there are four radio button options: "Names & addresses report", "Membership status report", "Export to Excel", and "Your own format". The "Your own format" option is selected. The "Company" option is partially visible at the bottom of the dropdown list.

There is no limit to the total number of special layouts used nor to the number for any particular option. For example, a show might require different layouts for the prize certificates in different sections.

Fix bug when printing footnotes in the catalogue

Footnotes were being sent to the Word document with all of their rich text controls visible.

Fix bug where the class line was printed in the schedule or catalogue

One or more blank lines were appearing in the catalogue and schedule following some class lines.

Version 6.3 – 9th February 2011

Allow formatting of all notes fields in the schedule

Prior to this release all schedule information was stored in plain text format and required formatting once a schedule or catalogue Word document had been created. All notes fields are now stored in Rich text Format and most formatting can be stored in Showday so that it doesn't need to be re-entered each time a document is created.

Add new features for credit card payments for online entries

A show can now insist that online entrants pay for entries by credit card (Australia only at the moment). Changes have been made to Showday so that it can pass the relevant account details to showdayonline ready for the processing of online entries.

Progress thermometer when printing the schedule and catalogue

In previous versions of Showday the schedule and catalogue Word documents were displayed on screen as they were being created. Now that formatting is stored in Showday in Rich Text Format the document creation procedure is more complicated and to avoid confusion a thermometer now displays on screen to show progress until the document is completed.

Prize certificates revised font size

The font size that is used for the winner's name on some prize certificates has been increased for easier legibility from a distance. The program checks for very long names and where necessary reduces the font size to fit.

Changes to showdayonline

There have been several enhancements to showdayonline since the release of the new format site in late September. Entrants can now view the progress of their entries by keying in their email address. They can also view their entries at the point of completing the entry process.

Version 6.2.2 – 4th October 2010

Allow different payee name on remittance advices

A payee name can now be maintained using the Set Parameters option. If a payee name is entered it will be used on remittance advices instead of the organisation name and address. This applies to debtors' invoices, debtors' statements and sponsorship invoices.

Fix an error in the renumber option

When the Set Starting Order/Renumber Entries option was run and the option to recalculate entries and back numbers was selected and the area being renumbered was numbered by exhibit and the "start back numbers at" field was something other than one the "start back numbers at" value was ignored and the back numbers started at one. This error has now been corrected.

Version 6.2.1 – 29th September 2010

Fix an error with multiple entries per class from the showdayonline web site

There was an error in Showday when processing online entries where the number of entries field was more than one. The error is corrected by this release.

Version 6.2 – 24th September 2010

Tie up with new release of the showdayonline web site

The re-writing of the showdayonline web site means that online entries are downloaded from a different location. This change points Showday at the correct new location for downloads

Statements run

In the debtors invoicing, individual statements could be printed but there was no option to produce a set of statements for a group of debtors. This new feature allows debtors to be selected on various criteria and then produce statements for them.

Cash receipts report

A new report provides information on cash receipts for a selected date range.

Check for backup

As Showday is closing down it now checks whether a backup has been taken recently. If not it prompts the user to run a backup now.

Notes put back in the people report

The notes field used to appear on the people report but was taken out in a recent release to give space for the email address. Several shows were using the report to check the notes so the report has now been changed to include both the email address and the notes.

Inclusion of class footnotes in the online schedule

When the schedule is uploaded to showdayonline it is converted into a PDF file that entrants can view online. Some shows use the footnotes field when maintaining the schedule. The footnotes are useful if there is some information for a class that should print in the catalogue after the entries for a class and not before like the normal notes do. The footnotes had never been included in the online schedule and this change rectifies that situation.

New option when reporting online entries

The report of online entries which is part of the download option can now be printed for either all entries, only accepted entries or only entries that have not yet been accepted into the show.

Version 6.1.12 – 27th August 2010

Correct an error when printing labels

An error message that was appearing when any labels were printed has been fixed. This was related to the change to remove the option to export reports to Excel.

Version 6.1.11 – 26th August 2010

Use the company name as the entrant name by default

Where a member has both a company name and a personal name (i.e. last name and/or first name) the company name will take precedence over the personal name when filling the entrant's name field. Manual changes can always be made if necessary.

Include extra fields when exporting entries to Excel

The six extra fields that can be added with an entry are now included in the export of entry data to Excel which can be run from the Report/Export Entries option on the Catalogue menu.

Version 6.1.10 – 16th June 2010

Move entries to a different class

All of the entries from a class can be moved to another selected class. This is useful where there are not enough entries to proceed with all classes and they need to be merged together into fewer classes. This feature has been added as a new button on the Entrants tab of the Load Entries option.

Version 6.1.9 – 2nd June 2010

Allocate back numbers in name sequence

When the "Recalculate entry and back numbers" function in the "Set Starting Order/Renumber Entries" option is run, allocate back numbers alphabetically by entrant name rather than in the order that the entries were received.

Show entrant id. correctly on exhibit display cards

Correction to a minor fault when deciding whether or not to print the entrant id. on exhibit display cards.

Save and re-use the message printed on membership invoices

If the message to appear on membership invoices is changed then the changed message is saved and re-displayed the next time that membership invoices are printed.

Allow one ledger code when printing debtor transactions by date range

One ledger code can now be selected when printing debtor transactions by date range. NOTE Each item on a transaction can be for a different ledger code. The report shows the total value of each invoice which may include items for ledger codes other than the one selected.

Version 6.1.8 – 7th April 2010**Allow for six digit entry ids.**

Some reports and forms only allowed space for up to four digits when displaying or printing entry ids. These have all been changed to allow for up to six digits.

Use the company name on entries when there is no person name available

When adding entries to file the entrant's name is created from the surname and other names on the entrant's record. In cases where neither surname nor other names are available the company name is now used.

Version 6.1.7 - 17th Mar 2010**Allow class notes to be printed on class name display cards and change the font to fix missing numbers.**

Where classes have very long class names it may not be possible to fit the whole name in the available space. Additional information can be placed in the class notes and then made to print on the class name display cards. If you use this option be sure to move any notes that you don't want to appear on the cards into the class footnotes.

Version 6.1.6 - 15th Mar 2010**Change the set starting order swap up and down options to change the back number as well as the entry number if numbered by entrant**

The Adjust Starting Order tab in the Set Starting Order/Renumber Entries option is usually used to fine tune the starting order in showjumping events. However, it can also be used to alter the entry numbers in other areas. In these cases the entry number and back number are always the same and the program has been changed to reflect this.

Version 6.1.5 - 12th Mar 2010**Fix an error in the judging sheets so extra empty lines come out last**

When spare lines were added to judging sheets and the option to put them at the end of the class was used the spare lines were not always printing right at the end of the class. This change fixes that problem.

Default to include placings with no prize money when printing prize certificates

By default prize certificates were not printed for placings with no prize money. The default behaviour has been changed so that certificates are printed when there is no prize money.

Change the description of Set Starting Order on the main menu

Some people were having difficulty finding where to reset entry numbers. The name of the Set Starting Order option on the menu has been changed to Set Starting Order/Renumber Entries.

Take notice of the screen/printer selection for the logged in user

Each user can set whether to default to screen display or print when running reports. This change fixes a problem where the default was set to screen display even when the user had a default setting of print.

Include the mobile phone number on the names and addresses report

The names and addresses report which is available from the Maintain People option now includes all available phone numbers in the Phone column. The Notes column has been removed as it was causing the report to become very long where a lot of notes had been entered.

Version 6.1.4 - 2nd Mar 2010**Correct error in the Enter Results option when changing entrant details**

When the Change Entrant button was used more than once and in different classes a program error occurred. This change fixes that problem.

Change to the prize certificates to make the names bolder and to re-arrange the layout

Version 6.1.3 - 12th Feb 2010**Correction to the posting of online entries when multiple extras for the same code are ordered**

Where an entrant placed several orders online for the same extra code only one was being processed. This change fixes that problem.

Keep a record of entries downloaded from showdayonline

As each batch of online entries is downloaded from showdayonline it is added to a text file which is then available for reference. The file is cleared when the Clear All Entries option is selected.

New option not to print separator lines on exhibit display cards

Remove separator lines on three per page prize certificates

Version 6.1.2 - 8th January 2010

Adjust the printing of exhibit display cards for consistent format on perforated cards

Correction to Set Starting Order option to renumber correctly

Areas numbered by entrant were not re-calculating entry numbers correctly. This change fixes that problem.

Version 6.1.1 - 12th November 2009**Fix for judging sheet export to Excel with 5 digit class numbers**

A new option when printing judging sheets is to export a formatted judging sheet to Excel rather than to the printer. This allows the user to alter the layout as required before printing. In version 6.1 only up to four digit class codes were handled correctly. This change fixes that problem.

Change mail merge - only merging first person into form letters

In some circumstances the mail merge was only merging the first person into the form letters although all selected people were being passed to Word. This change fixes that problem.

Fix the Display Entries report by exhibit when quotes are contained in the entrant or exhibit name

Exhibit or entrant names containing single quotes were causing the report option within the Display Entries option to crash. This change fixes that problem.

Tidy up the formatting of currency values on the profitability reports.