

These terms are listed in sequence, just as they would be used in a race.

- 1. Strider Staff:** Strider company employees and local volunteers working the event. Look for yellow shirts that read "STAFF."
- 2. Event Lead Official:** Strider company employee who is in charge of the event and final decision-maker related to the event's activities.
- 3. Race Course:** Area marked out for competition. Typically about 700' in length. Can consist of pavement, grass, dirt, cobblestone, wooden obstacles, etc.
- 4. Race Sheets:** Document posted at the event showing the participants' corresponding number plate and their respective starting positions in the various races throughout the day. Also used to record and post the corresponding race results.
- 5. Gate Position:** Location on the Starting Gate where racers line up for competition. Locations are numbered consecutively; first gate position is aligned with the inside position of the first turn. If turn 1 is to the left, gate positions are assigned left to right; if turn 1 is to the right, gate positions are assigned right to left. Early registrants get the best Gate Positions.
- 6. Parade Lap:** All riders in an age group will make a Parade Lap as a group, just after their rider meeting and prior to the start of racing. One parent is allowed to accompany the child on the parade lap. The parade lap is not a race so everyone is encouraged to ride casually and wave to the spectators, maybe even stop and pose for a photo!
- 7. Heat Race (Heat):** The Heat Race is a rider's first race and determines the rider's qualifying position for the main event. The better the Heat Race finish, the better the positioning for the Main Event. Heat races are numbered consecutively simply for order of commencement.
- 8. Main Event (Main):** The Main Event is the rider's final race. Main Event placement is dependent upon Heat Race finish position. Main Events are marked alphabetically such as A-Main, B-Main, etc., with A-Main being the fastest qualifiers racing for the highest awards. Main Events are run in reverse order from slowest to fastest with the A-Main being the last race. Slower Main Events may have transfer positions where top finishers can earn a spot into the next fastest Main Event. Awards are given after each Main Event.
- 9. Qualifying:** The results of Heat Races are used to qualify kids into Main Events; the fastest Heat Race finishers are grouped with other fast finishers for their Main Event, and the slower Heat Race finishers are grouped with other slower finishers for their Main Event, respectively. The race sheets will detail the qualifying structure.
- 10. Transfer:** Slower races may have Transfer positions where top finishers can earn a spot to go into the next fastest race. The race sheet will detail if Transfer options are available.
- 11. Staging Area:** The cordoned-off area just prior to the Starting Gate. This area is only for racers who are in the upcoming race; each racer may be accompanied by 1 parent in the Staging Area.
- 12. Starting Gate/Starting Line:** Official start area for the race. Only racers and 1 parent may be at the starting gate. When the race begins, parents cannot go beyond the Starting Gate onto the Race Course but instead must exit through the Staging Area.
- 13. Starting Sequence:** To begin the race, the Starter Lead Official will call out: "Striders ready, watch the gate, GO!" The gatekeeper will drop the gate at the word "GO!"
- 14. Finish Line:** Official end of the Race Course where finish positions are scored.
- 15. Roll-Out Area:** The cordoned-off area just after the Finish Line where racers slow down and come to a stop. No parents are allowed in this area in order to keep the Finish Line clear of congestion.
- 16. Podium Area:** After the completion of each Main Event, all racers (except those earning a Transfer to the next main event) should proceed from the Roll-Out Area to the Podium Area to receive their awards.
- 17. Awards:** All racers that complete a Main Event will receive an award. A-Main finishers will be awarded trophies based on actual finish positions 1st through 8th. B-Main and below finishers will be awarded non-place participation medals or ribbons.