Setting Up your P.C.s for the Portatree Drag Race Programs

Before you load the new Portatree Ultimate Software onto your computers, you must setup the computer network so that it will be ready to use.   We recommend 3 P.C.'s to operate this software properly. You will require a Drag Race operator's Computer (this is where the race is entered), an Administrator's Computer (this is where you setup qualifying, ladders, racer entry, points, etc.), and an Announcer's Computer(we use this for printing time slips (racer receipts) and information for commentating on the event).

You must have all 3 computers on a LAN (Local Area Network – Do NOT use a wireless LAN or have any computer connected to the internet). You must make sure that all 3 computers have their "C:\" drives shared with FULL READ\WRITE capability. You must make a Mapped Network Drive from the Announcer Computer to the Drag Race Computer and make a mapped network drive from the Drag Computer to the Administrator Computer. That is all of the mapped network drives that are required to operate the software !!!!!   Make sure that you can "Click On" the mapped network drives in "My Computer" and can see all of the Folders of the network drive.

Only Load the software onto each of the 3 P.C.'s once you have gotten the network setup properly as indicated in the above 2 paragraphs. Once the software is loaded, proceed with the installation instructions.

The 2 attached sheets are for reference !   The Drag Race Program on the Drag Race Operator's Computer should have the race setup screen looking like the attached sheets. If the Race Setup is setup exactly like these 2 sheets, your link between the Drag Race Computer and the Administrator's Computer will be setup properly !

If you have any questions, please e-mail them to al@portatree.com.   We can send you bitmaps of the screens with the correct settings for your track.

Thank you,   Al Smyth

Race Setup

Race Category
12 - SUPER STOCK ELIMINATOR

Category Selected:
SUPER STOCK ELIMINATOR

Race Type
Found Rounds

- ○ Time Trial — 0
- ● Qualification — 0
- ○ Elimination — 0

Race Round
1

Category Database
File Name
category.db

Directory
- C:\
- Portatree
- RacerCatIndex

Drive
c: []

Get Cats
☑ AutoGet

Results Database
File Name
080413.db

Directory
- C:\
- Res2008
- 080413

Drive:
c: []

Send Results
☑ AutoSend

Year Month Day
08 05 13

Create
New Path and File

Racers Database
File Name
racer.db

Directory
- C:\
- Portatree
- RacerCatIndex

Drive
c: []

Get Racers
☑ AutoGet

Setup Networked PCs

Results Network: Up
Racers Network: Up
Category Network: Up

Time Trial Rerun Checks
● On   ○ Off

PerfectTree is 0.000

Auto Start is ON

✔ OK
✘ Cancel
EXIT

Race Setup

Race Category
1 - TOP FUEL

Category Selected:
TOP FUEL

Race Type
- ○ Time Trial
- ● Qualification
- ○ Elimination

Category Database
File Name
category.db

Drive
c: []

Get Cats
☑ AutoGet

Setup Networked PCs

ts Network: Up
s Network: Up
ory Network: Up

Time Trial Rerun Checks
On   ○ Off

PerfectTree is 0.000

Auto Start is OFF

OK
Cancel
EXIT

Define where external files are found or placed

☑ Networked Enabled [Check to Enable]

Category and Index
p: \\shopdev\c
- P:\
- portatree
- RacerCatIndex

Racer DB
p: \\shopdev\c
- P:\
- portatree
- RacerCatIndex

Results
p: \\shopdev\c
- P:\
- Res2008
- 080413

Results directory change not allowed !!

Category Path: = P:\portatree\RacerCatIndex
Racer Path: = P:\portatree\RacerCatIndex
Results Path: = P:\Res2008\080413

Category and index files are usually on an adminsitration machine on the network. These usually need copied to your race computer only once at the beginning of an event.

The Racer database may need copied on a regular basis, as late 'checkins' are added. This can be updated whenever you change categories.

The results file is 'sent' to the networks administration machine. This should be done whenever you change categories, OR whenever there is an urgent need. Examples are to generate qualifying list or to generate a lost slip.

Exit