

Did you try and follow the Sheffield Indoor Trial either in person or on Eurosport? Were you confused? Did it feel a bit like...

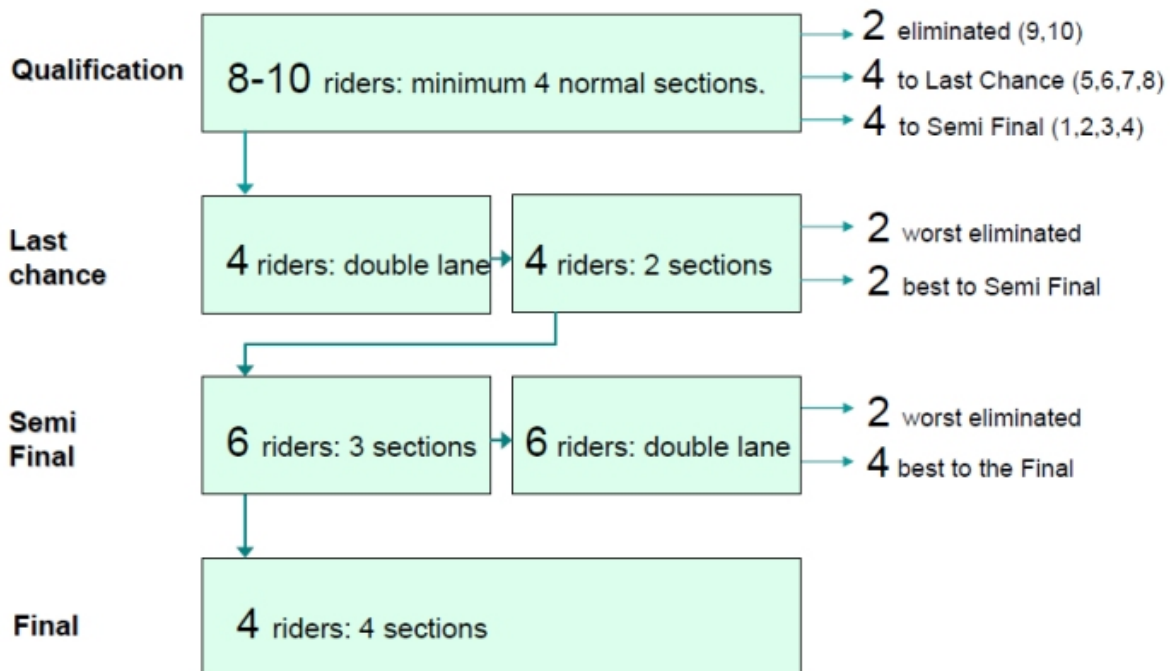
$$\begin{aligned}
 F(r) = & 0.840376 \frac{2r+1}{(r+1)^2} - 0.221538 \frac{8r^2-3r-1}{(r+1)^3} - 0.0173983 \frac{54r^3-145r^2+12r+3}{(r+1)^4} + 0.0214648 \times \\
 & \frac{32r^4-203r^3+161r^2-5r-1}{(r+1)^5} + 0.0026529 \frac{5+30r-2010r^2+5376r^3-2835r^4+250r^5}{(r+1)^6} \\
 & - 0.000161889 \frac{-21r+2530r^2-11682r^3+12969r^4-3817r^5+216r^6-3}{(r+1)^7} - 0.0004730614285714286 \times \\
 & \frac{7+56r-11011r^2+78078r^3-148863r^4+686r^7-17381r^6+92092r^5}{(r+1)^8} - \\
 & 0.00161165 \frac{-1-9r+2695r^2-27209r^3+79365r^4+128r^8-4395r^7+33397r^6-84227r^5}{(r+1)^9} \\
 & - \frac{0.00003385411}{(r+1)^{10}} (9+90r-38964r^2+531216r^3-2199834r^4+1458r^9-65127r^8+670752r^7 \\
 & -2426580r^6+3568708r^5)
 \end{aligned}$$

= TONI BOU!

If so, you need no longer sit in front of Eurosport wondering what on earth is happening. Simply print this handy

Trials Central Armchair Guide to World Indoor Trials 2010!

The new method of qualification/elimination for the remaining rounds of the SPEA FIM 2010 World Indoor Championship and the new naming for each stage is easiest explained with a nice picture:



To further clarify (or at least we THINK it further clarifies!)

QUALIFICATION

- 8-10 riders will take part in the initial qualification.
- The starting order will be determined by ballot.
- There will be one ballot for fixed riders and one ballot for wildcard riders.
- There will be no double lane race in qualification.
- In the event of a tie, the riders tied will re-run one pre-selected section.
- The bottom two riders will be eliminated at the end of qualification

LAST CHANCE

- The bottom four remaining riders from qualification will take part
- The starting order will be the reverse of that in qualification
- The riders will compete in one dual-lane race each (the rider in position 5 will race the rider in position 7 and the rider in position 6 will race the rider in position 8)
- The losing riders in the dual-lane races will score one point
- The riders will also compete over two normal sections.
- The bottom two riders in Last Chance will be eliminated
- In the event of a tie, the tie will be resolved by the position the tied riders finished in the Qualification stage.

SEMI FINAL

- The four top riders from Qualification and the two top riders from Last Chance will compete.
- The starting order will be:

1st: The bottom of the two riders from Last Chance

2nd: The top of the two riders from Last Chance

3rd: The bottom of the top four riders from Qualification

4th: The second bottom of the top four riders from Qualification

5th: The second best rider from Qualification

6th: The top rider from Qualification

- The riders will compete over three sections

- The riders will also compete in one dual-lane race. The races will be:
 1. *The rider 6th in the start order for the Semi Final will race the rider 3rd in the start order for the Semi Final.*
 2. *The rider 5th in the start order for the Semi Final will race the rider 2nd in the start order for the Semi Final.*
 3. *The rider 4th in the start order for the Semi Final will race the rider 1st in the start order for the Semi Final.*
- The losing riders in the dual-lane race will score one point
- The bottom two riders in the Semi Final will be eliminated
- In the event of a tie, the tie will be resolved by the position the tied riders finished in the Qualification stage.

Still following this or lost the will to live?! Right... the Final!

FINAL

- 4 riders will take part in the Final.
- The starting order will be the reverse of the positions in the Semi Final (i.e. 4th man in the Semi goes first, 1st man in the Semi goes last)
- The riders will compete over 4 sections.
- The final score will be determined by the riders points in the Semi Final PLUS their points in the Final.
- In the event of a tie for first place, the tie will be decided by a single dual-lane race between the tied riders.
- In the event of a tie for places other than first, the tie will be decided by which rider performed best in Qualification.
- If more than two riders are tied in first place, the riders positions in Qualification will determine the top two riders. The top two riders will compete in a dual-lane race with the remaining tied rider(s) positions determined by their position in Qualification.

Still totally lost? The more simplistic guide:

1. Some guys on Trials bikes compete over some man-made obstacles in Arenas
2. Toni Bou wins



Thanks to the FIM for their initial document this light-hearted guide is based on.