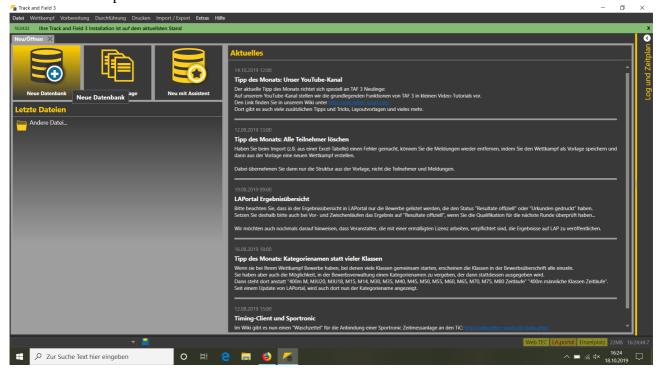
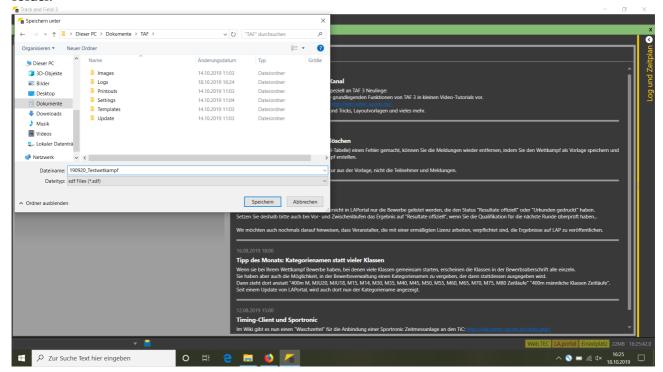
If you want to create a new competition with TAF3, you have to create a new database first, using File \rightarrow New / Open.



To do so, select a (local) storage location. We recommend the TAF directory within your document folder.



TAF3 stores all information related to a competition in this file. This means that after editing, you can copy it to a memory stick or send it by mail so that it can be edited on another computer.

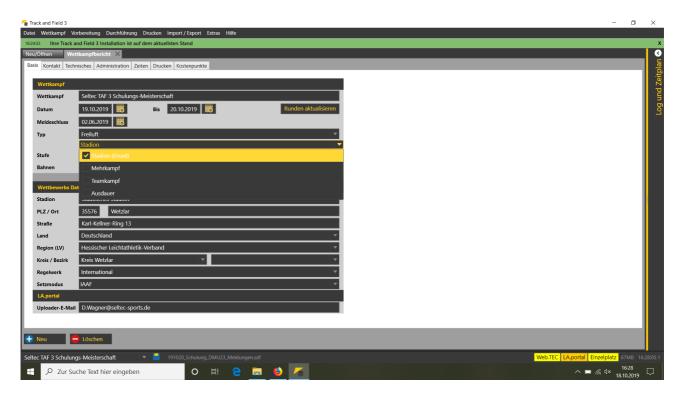
After TAF3 has finished setting up the database structure, you will be forwarded to the "competition report" page.

Enter the details about your event there:

Name, date, competition type and location information.

Depending on the type of competition you select here, different tabs will later be offered to you (under Competition → Competition setup) to edit further event details.

Only the event types, which match your loaded license, are displayed.



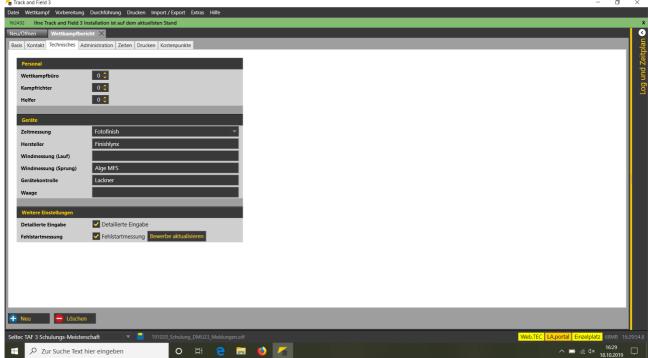
The other tabs in this menu item are used to store information for the event report, but in some cases also have an impact on the execution of the competition.

The selection of the timing system used (under "Technical") determines how times are interpreted in the data acquisition. With "manual timing", only 1/10 seconds can be recorded.

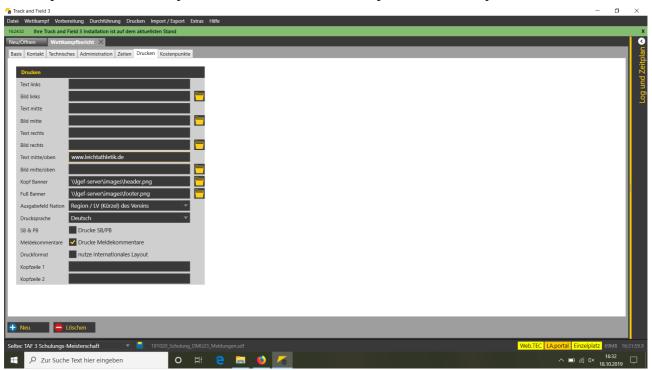
Among other things, at "Times" you may store the registration card delivery times, which can then also be printed on the card itself.

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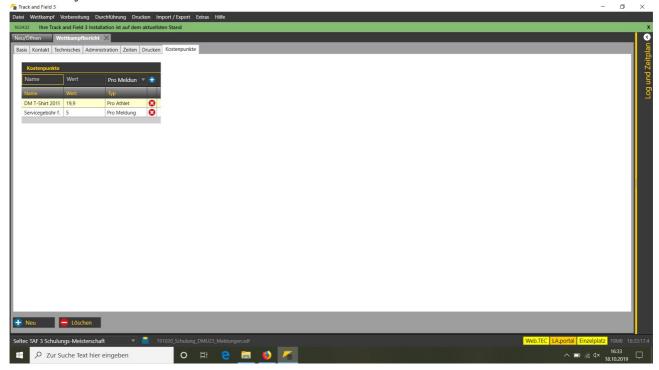
At the "Print" tab, you can choose if and what graphics are printed at page header or footer or if you want to print additional entry information such as date and place for the entry value.



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At "Feeitems", you can define products or services, which can be charged to the athlete in addition to the entry fee.

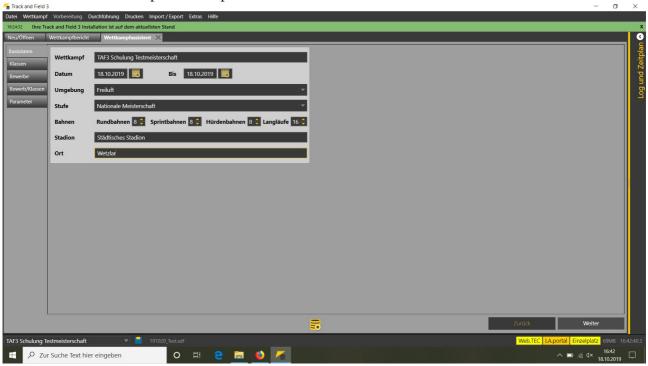


This could be either fees connected to the athlete or connected to a single entry. For example a competition t-shirt could be an athlete related fee, a surchage for e late entry would be a entry related fee.

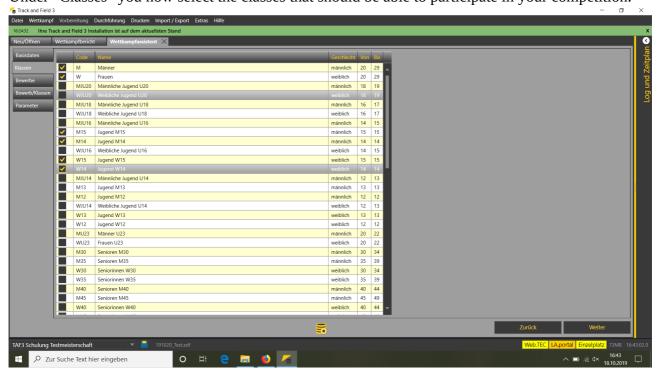
You must not enter all this information before the preparation of the competition, but before creating the bills.

The next step is to create the framework of classes and competitions. The easiest and quickest way to do this is to use the wizard (Competition → Competition wizard).

On the first page, you will see the information about the event which you allready entered on the "Basic" tab under Competition Report.

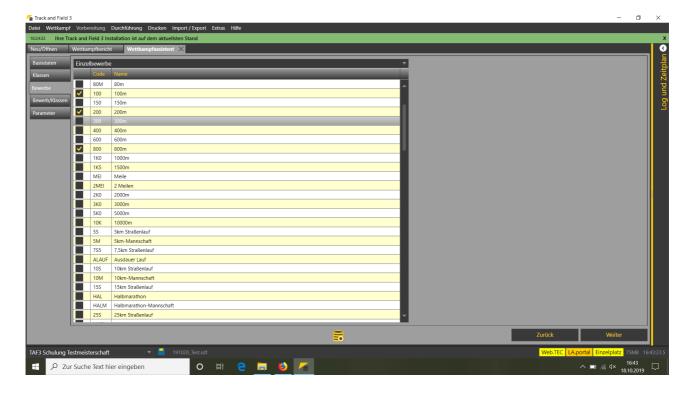


Under "Classes" you now select the classes that should be able to participate in your competition.



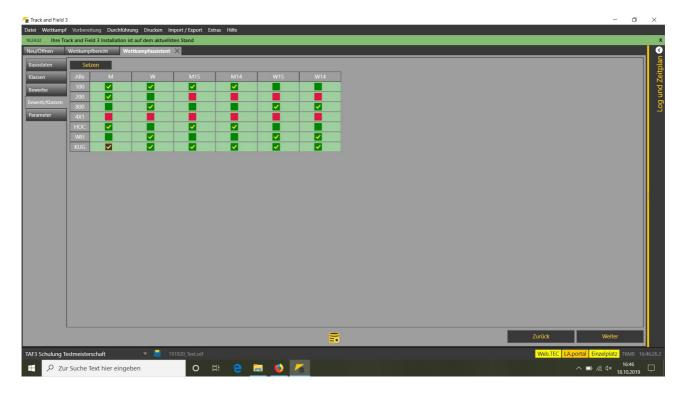
Please note, the only classes, which are defined at the rule book can be choosen here. If you want to make changes to the selected classes (e.g. changing the age-limits for the men and women so that the masters are automatically included there), you can do this later in the competition setup.

On the next page you then select the competitions for your competition.



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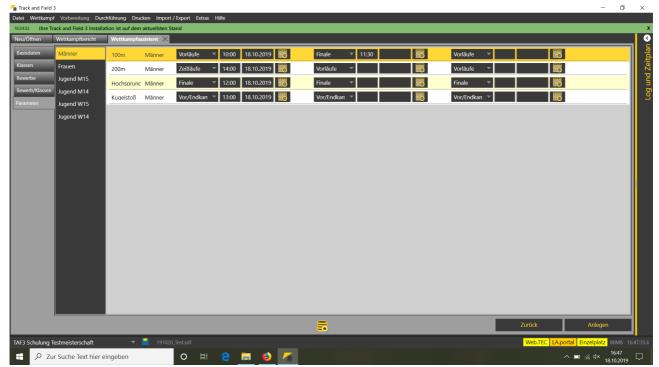
and one page further on you can then assign the competitions to the classes in a matrix.



Class/competition combinations that are not permitted according to the rule book are shown in red, the others in green. However, regardless of the colour of the field, you have the option of assigning a competition to a class.

Exceptions to this are the multi events in the assistant: Only those class/multi event combinations can be selected for which a definition of the partial events is stored. "Free" multi event be defined later in the competition setup.

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Finally, on the "Parameters" page you can define rounds for the different competitions in the classes and set their starting times.

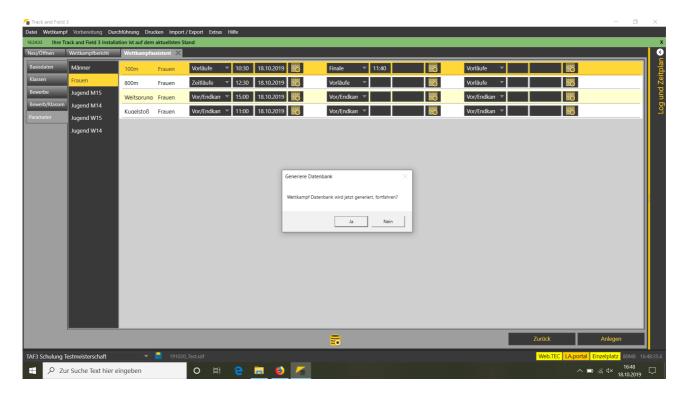
You can use the wizard to create up to 3 rounds in a competition. For example, preliminary heats, intermediate heats and final over 100m. Or a qualification round in a technical event and its final. Competitions to which you do not assign anything at this point will keep the standard round and the standard time.

NOT assigning a round can be useful, for example, if you want to hold a masters competition and do not yet know how many entries you expect in which classes and which classes will finally compete together.

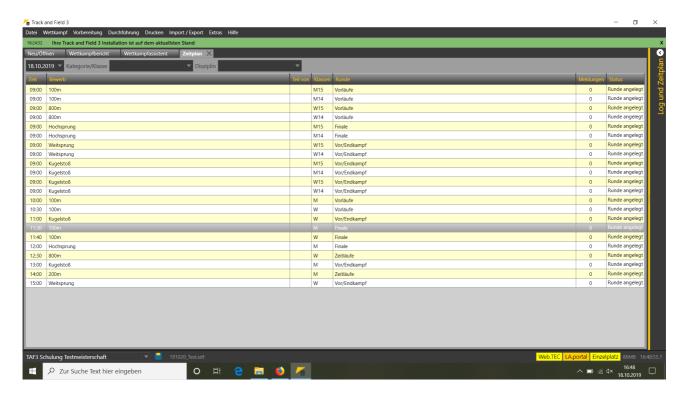
In this case, after entering the entries, you would then combine the competitions in such a way as seems reasonable according to the number of entries.

If you now close the wizard, the classes and competitions will be created and you can then only edit the competition "manually". Subsequent changes are no longer possible with the wizard.

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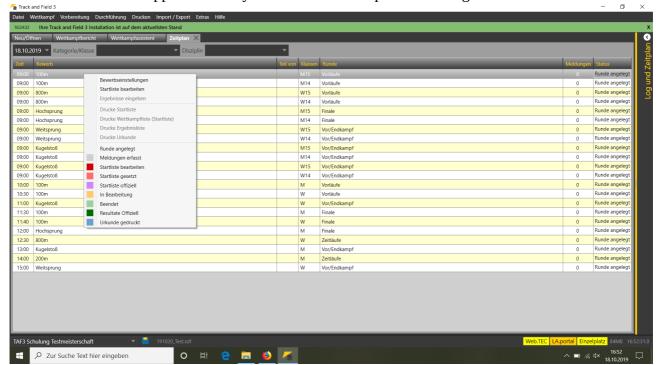
After completing the wizard, you will be shown the schedule.



Competitions to which you have not yet assigned a start time appear here with 09:00.

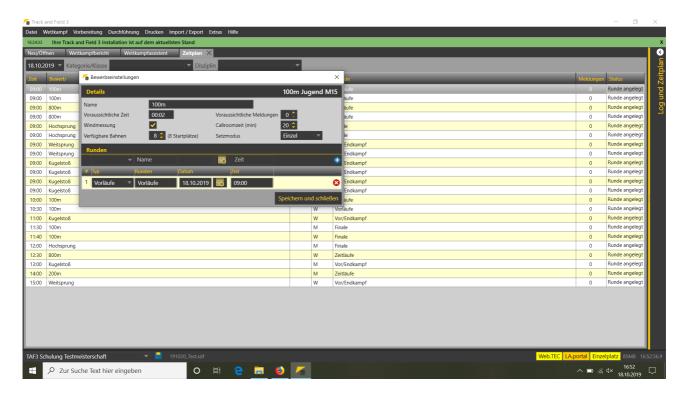
If you want to edit the start time, you can simply click in the column with the times and change the time there. If you want to move the competition to another event day or define the rounds, please click on it with the right mouse button.

Now a context menu appears where you can select "Competition settings".



In the window that now opens, you can define new rounds as well as change the date and time of rounds that have already been created.

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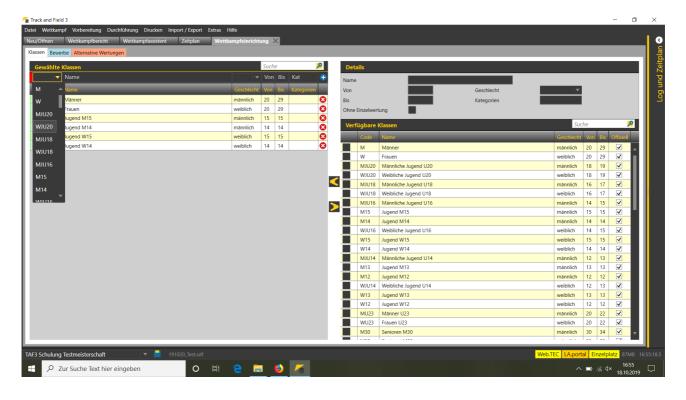


If you want to add classes and/or competitions now (or later), you can do so via "Competition → Competition Setup".

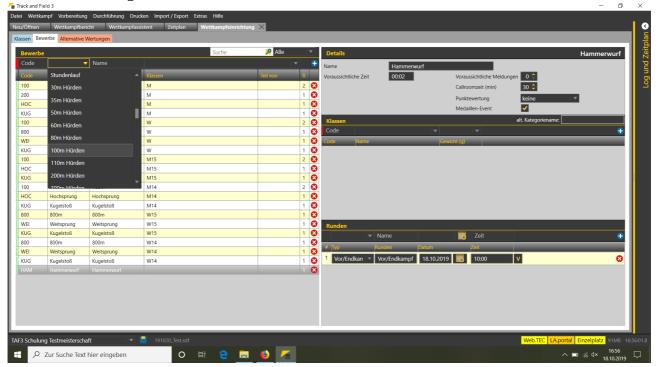
The tabs for classes and alternative scores are always visible. Events, multi events, multi event teams, endurance and team competitions are only active if the corresponding competition type is selected.

Classes can be added either by entering the class abbreviation ("M", "MJU20". "W30", "WKU10", depending on the settings and your countries rule book) or by selecting the corresponding class from the pull-down menu.

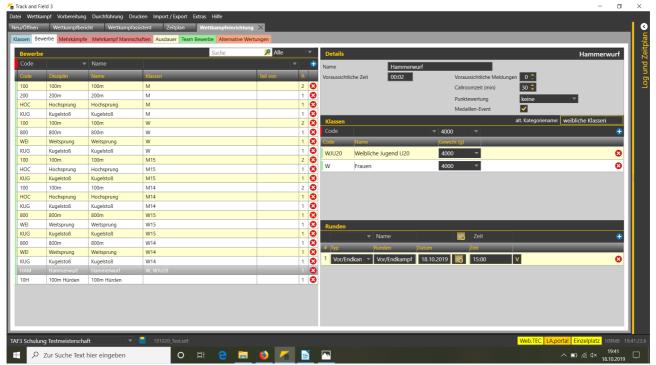
You can then adjust the name or the age limits and add the class.



You can also add events either via the abbreviation or the selection from the menu. After you have added the event to the list, you can select the age groups that are to participate in this event on the right-hand side.



Especially when many classes are competing together, it may be useful to give an "alternative category name". Thus the competition title "Hammer Throw W30,W35,W40,W45,W50,W55,W60" becomes "Hammer Throw Masters Women".



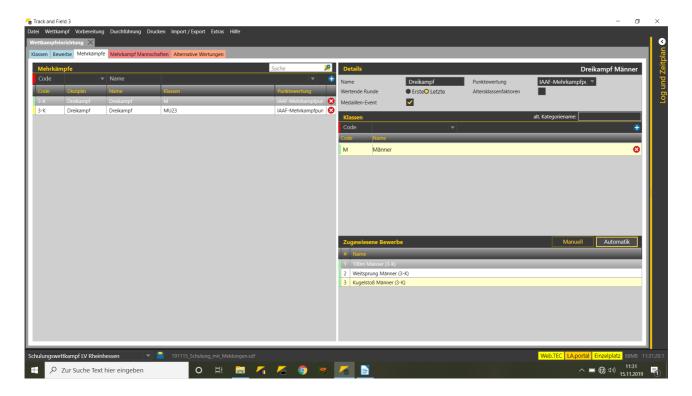
The rounds can then be defined at the bottom right.

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Adding multi events works similarly: Enter the abbreviation or select the all-around competition from the list. Then select the class for the all-around on the right.

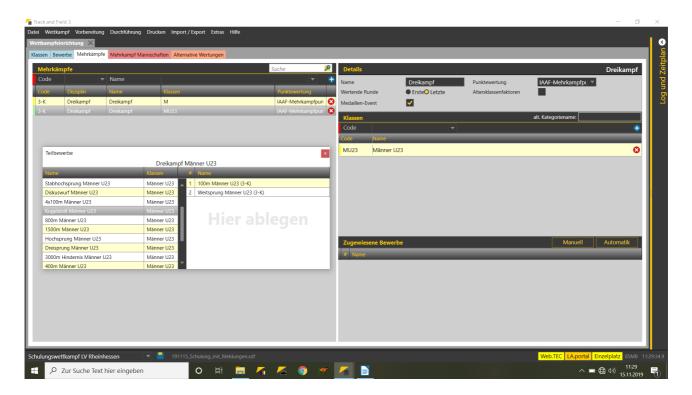
Finally, you have to assign the individual events to the all-around.

For the "standard multi events" the corresponding competitions are stored and can be assigned via the "Automatic" button.



In this case, the sub events belonging to the multi envent do not have to be created beforehand.

If you want to create a self-defined multi event, the sub eventes must first be created under "Events". Then they can be assigned to the multi event by clicking on the "Manual" button. The order in which the competitions are listed in the window on the right corresponds to the order in the multi event.



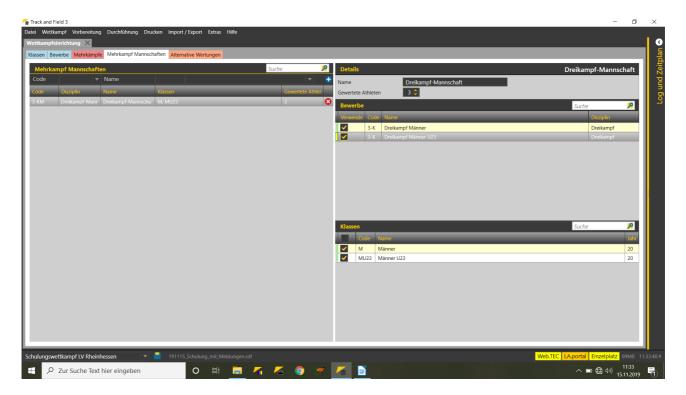
Please note that TAF does not check whether points or formulas are stored for a sub discipline in the selected scoring.

You may have to use a different scoring system or, if necessary, switch to ranking or cup points.

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In the tab "multi event teams" you can select for which multi events a (joint) team evaluation should take place.

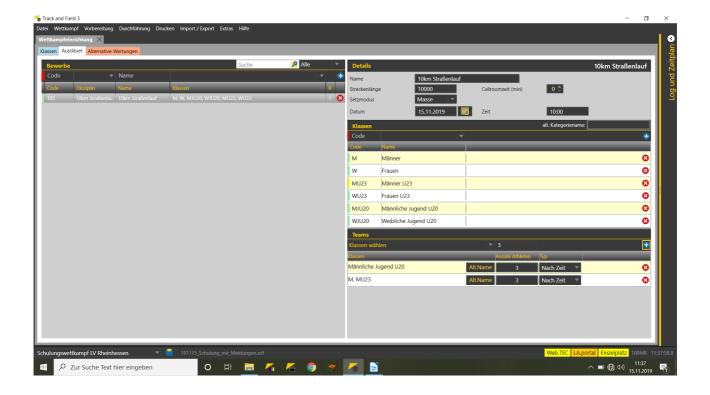
This can be defined for all classes (heptathlon team of W14/W15) as well as for all competitions (block competition team of BLW,BLS,BLL in M12/M13).



Team competitions are created in the same way as multi event competitions. Here, too, the button "Automatic" is available - but it may have no effect for your defined team event. It works only for team events, which are pre defined at the TAF database

The allocation of endurance events to the classes is done in the same way as for individual events. In addition to the predefined events (e.g. 10S or MAR), events with self-defined course lengths can also be selected here. If you select "run" as the event, you can assign a free name (eg "small round") and assign a free course length to the run.

You can create team classifications by selecting the classes that are to be evaluated together and defining the number of runners as well as the type of evaluation (according to rank or time).



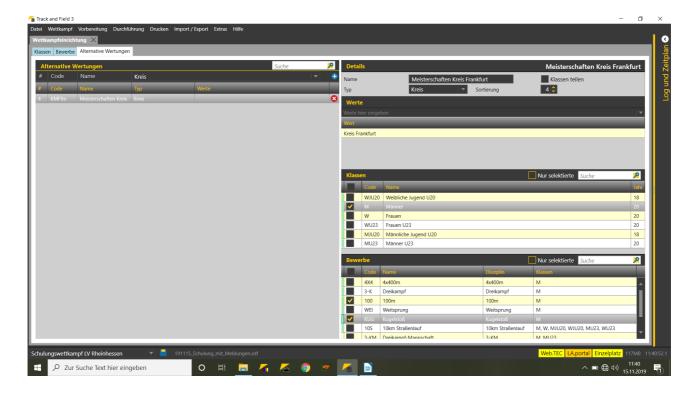
In all defined events you can define "alternative classifications".

This can be, for example, a district championship classification within an open meetingl and include all events and classes, or only a separate classification for a manually selected group of participants in an event (e.g. all squad members in a long jump).

First you have to give the classification an abbreviation and a name. Then select the type. For the types attached to the athlete's club (state, district, club), you must then select the comparison criterion on the right-hand side (e.g. select the circle from the list of circles and then confirm). The selected district is then displayed under the heading.

Now select the classes and competitions - and tick the appropriate box to determine whether the classes are to be evaluated together or separately.

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The final point when creating the competition concerns the entry fees.

Here you can enter an entry fee for the individual (selected) competitions via the assignment in the matrix.

There are 3 entry fee types: "Normal", "Increased" and "Online".

The latter is currently only used in conjunction with Seltecs online registration tool LA.Net. The other two can be used for regular and late entries.

While entering an entry, you can then select the type of entry fee.

If you select whole columns or classes of the matrix, the same entry fee can be assigned to all competitions contained therein.

