

Summary

All runners are required to provide a video of their run. Top level runners of Any% Glitchless are required to provide several hours of footage of attempts upon request. World Record holders in Any% Random Seed Glitchless are expected to provide a download link to the world save they performed the run on. Other evidence requests may be made on a case-by-case basis.

If your run is under scrutiny, refusal to work with us to provide as much evidence as you are able to will result in your run being rejected. We recommend you hold onto any evidence you believe will help prove the validity of your run, especially if you are competing at the top level.

We do not want to prevent anyone from running Minecraft. If your run is legitimate, we want you to be able to put it on the leaderboard. Please cooperate with us to ensure that can happen.

Runners are expected to attempt to provide a complete video of their run in reasonable quality.

Full videos are required to ensure that people cannot simply make up a time and put it on the leaderboards. They must contain the entire run so that we can double-check the runner's claimed run time. The quality should be high enough that someone watching the run can understand what is happening in the video.

Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis for problems that arise due to technical difficulties. It is unlikely a run with no video will ever be accepted, but a low quality or incomplete video may be deemed sufficient depending on the notability of the run and the track record of the runner.

Top level runners, particularly those claiming records in competitive categories, are expected to provide footage of some of their attempt sessions upon request. For Any% Glitchless, they should be able to provide a minimum of several hours of footage, containing both early resets and failed viable attempts.

Anyone who legitimately obtains a competitive time will have spent a significant amount of time grinding attempts. This requirement is intended to make faking runs more time consuming without placing much of an additional burden on honest runners.

Tens of hours of footage would be preferable - we realize this can be a pain to manage, though. Consider streaming privately on YouTube if storage space and file management is a problem. Twitch Past Broadcasts are, of course, also sufficient.

Runners claiming a top level time in any category are expected to provide world files upon request.

World files are difficult to fake if a run is spliced, especially in modern versions. While in theory a dedicated enough splicer could fake a world file, in practice it would be very difficult.

Runners under particular scrutiny are expected to provide a copy of .minecraft/logs

Top level runs in Any% RSG are expected to provide some specific pieces of additional evidence.

As RSG is the most competitive category, our standards for runs submitted to it are higher.

For pre1.9:

- sub-25 runs must submit world files
- sub-23 runs must submit world files, logs, and gameplay audio

For 1.9-1.15:

- sub-23 runs must submit world files
- sub-20 runs must submit world files, logs, and gameplay audio

For 1.16+:

- sub-17 runs must submit world files and evidence of past attempts
- sub-13 runs must submit world files, evidence of past attempts, previous world files (5 preferable), logs, and gameplay audio

Runners with times under 15 minutes are expected to be able to provide a full raw recording of the run and editing files upon request.

Additional Evidence

Some types of evidence are currently considered too unfair, impractical, or insignificant to require. These include:

- Performing the run on stream, especially if it can be proven (through reaction to chat, etc.) that you're not playing back a recording
- Input display
- Hand cam
- A recording of the computer monitor with a physical camera
- Performing the run on a vetted computer which the runner has not had unsupervised access to

These may still, in certain circumstances, be useful for verifying the legitimacy of a run. Any evidence you can provide will be appreciated.

Other Expectations

We may, in the process of verifying a run, request additional evidence not specified in this document. Please be cooperative - we aren't trying to prove your run fake if it's legitimate. We will try to be reasonable, but in turn we ask that you make an honest effort to provide any evidence you are able to.

Being evasive or lying to mods may result in your run being rejected. If your run is legitimate, cooperating can only help your case.

We recommend holding onto anything that you believe may help ensure your run's legitimacy and providing as much of it as you can if any of your runs ever come under scrutiny. A verified run may be investigated further if additional reasons to be suspicious of it are brought to light. Holding on to evidence even after the run has been verified may be a good idea.

Cheating

Being unable to provide sufficiently strong evidence will not be treated as proof that you are cheating, although it may result in your run being rejected. Fabricating evidence or refusing to provide evidence that you are able to will likely be seen as an indication that you're cheating.

If you have previously been banned from the leaderboards for cheating a run, we are open to accepting future runs if you have stopped cheating and are able to provide extraordinarily strong evidence that your runs are legitimate.

Please feel free to contact the mods to discuss what precisely is required and what you're able to provide. We do not wish to prevent you from submitting any legitimate runs you perform to the leaderboards, but if you're known to have cheated in the past we need stronger evidence in order to justifiably verify the validity of your run.

The Future

As things currently stand, the only way to handle runs under scrutiny well is to address them on a case-by-case basis. We hope, especially with the possible creation of a Speedrun Client, to eventually be able to move to a simpler system with less room for subjectivity.

Questions and Concerns

If you have questions or concerns about anything outlined in this document, please feel free to discuss it with the mod team by making a ticket in #help on the discord server. We will try to be as accommodating as possible while still ensuring leaderboard integrity.