AK Repeat Endings – Manual

Purpose

AK Repeat Endings brings everything Finale offers for repeat endings into **one window**: the position of the brackets, the settings from the “Edit Ending” dialog and the document defaults. The key decisions are made in one place instead of being looked up in three different ones.

Working with numeric values is far less error-prone than dragging the many small handles with the mouse: nothing shifts by accident, all endings in a region can get exactly the same values, and every change is visible in the score before it is applied.

Workflow: select the measures with the endings, run the script, change values – the score shows a live preview – and click **Apply**.

Values and defaults

Finale stores the position of each ending as a deviation from the document settings. The fields show these deviations for the first ending in the selected region; **0 means Finale’s default**.

When a field is changed, **all** displayed values apply to **all** endings and closing hooks in the region. Equal values therefore give the same result everywhere – even brackets and numbers that have got out of line are uniform again. **Equalize all endings** applies the displayed values without changing a field.

Default values in the profile menu sets all fields to 0 and thus returns to Finale’s default. **Original values** restores the state when the window was opened (or after the last Apply); closing without Apply discards the preview.

The main window

- **Bracket height** – field or slider; the hooks move along and keep their length.
- **Hook length** – left (all endings), right in ending 1 (the closing hook at the backward repeat) and right in ending 2, separately.
- **Close gap** – moves the closing hook of ending 1 towards ending 2 by the given amount.
- **Offset across barline** – horizontal position of the left and right bracket line.
- **Number X/Y** – position of the number.

- **Options** – ending numbers, alternate text, target and “Skip ending if ignoring repeats” as in Finale’s “Edit Ending” dialog; they apply to the first ending in the region and are written with Apply. **Show on** applies to all endings in the region.
- **Activate selection tool** – in case Finale no longer accepts the selection; the script also selects the selection tool itself after actions.

Further functions

Document settings … opens Finale’s defaults for repeat endings with the same fields as there, plus dot after number, font, maximum passes and “Show new endings on top staff only”. These values apply to the whole document and are saved immediately with Apply. The font is saved with its full name, so faces such as “Light” or “Medium” are preserved.

Profiles save value sets under a name of your choice (save, update, rename, delete). Choosing a profile applies its values immediately as a preview.

Reset per-staff positions deletes the positions Finale creates per staff when “Allow individual edits per staff” is used, and switches this option off for all endings in the region. This helps when endings stay shifted in individual staves and can no longer be reset in Finale. Per-staff positions themselves can only be created with the mouse in the Repeat tool.

Language: At first start the language is chosen (German, English, French, Spanish, Polish, Italian or automatic); hold Shift when running the script to change it.