



Announcer Guidelines

- The announcer keeps the competition running smoothly. Pick up the walkie-talkies from the competition manager, and the judge's scoresheet clipboards, pens, pencils, whistle or bell, and any other necessary items. First thing in the morning, announce each horse as it's schooling and announce the horse's description and crop/spurs, reading off the horse list in the program.
- Announce when the horse draw sheets are done and posted
- Announce throughout the day where the food booth and port-o-johns are located and other vital information
- When competition management indicates that the horses are ready for the first class, call the competitors to the mounting area and remind them to put on their assigned wristbands and to put their rider number on their left arm. You can call them by name as printed on your program.
- You'll start the class by announcing, "You are now being judged at the walk." As the class progresses, announce the judge's commands and repeat it so all riders can hear, for example, "Jog please, all jog." When the judge has the scoresheet completed in both directions, you can announce that the class is dismissed, riders do not need to line up in the middle.
- All classes are run in the class group, but can be run one of two ways. The first way is to have the riders from the Horsemanship section go immediately one by one into their Patterns test(they will remove their wristbands after the Horsemanship phase). Or, run the Horsemanship class, section A, then section B of the same class, then section C of the same class, then Patterns section A, Patterns section B, Patterns section C. Show management can choose which way works best for them.
- During the Patterns phase, you announce the rider's number, name and team, and you can also announce what horse they are riding if you have that information.
- Have the runner check in periodically with the Practicum judge and see who still needs to attend the Practicum test and announce their numbers/names
- When a class is completely scored, competition management will award the medals and ribbons for each section. You can do the awards whenever there is a lull in the arena, in between classes, or when the judge takes a break, or during the lunch break. The timing of awards is up to competition management so just check in with them