

## **Basic Reminders for Announcers**

### **45-30 minutes before Beginning of Show:**

Welcome to (name of show) .  
The official time is “x”; show starts in “y” minutes  
Officials (secretary, judges, TD, etc.)  
Reminders (time/course changes, bit check, etc.)  
Thank you’s for volunteers

### **10 minutes to start:**

Welcome to (name of show) .  
The official time is “x”; show starts in 10 minutes  
Officials (secretary, judges, TD, etc.)  
Reminders (time/course changes, bit check, etc.)

### **Approx. every 30 min:**

Official Show time  
Rings are/are not running on time/ahead/behind  
Food/Vendors/Sponsors  
Reminders and thank yous

### **As rings finish:**

Official Show time  
Thank you to judge and scribe

### **Ending of Show:**

Thank you for attending/competing at (name of show)  
Thank you to officials, organizers  
Thank you for volunteers  
Thank you for sponsors, etc.  
Safe drive home/road traffic announcements  
See you at (date of next show of venue)

- **Never** make fun of competitors/horses/etc.
- **Educate** spectators about rules, etc.
- **Stay enthused** even at the end of the day
- If unsure how to pronounce, (a) **ask** a ring steward to ask the rider (b)**say** it firmly (c)announce periodically that if something is not correct, please come by and correctly pronounce it for the announcer
- Keep a program, an Omnibus, and a rules booklet with you
- **Thank** the organizer/secretary for hiring you!
- Ask for and accept constructive criticism

Have a great time!

Good morning, bon jour, buenos dias	ring 1	ring 2	ring 3	ring 4	ring 5		
Official show time							
First Ride is at	8am	8:06am	8am	8:06am	10am		
Judges (incl Pres Ground Jury)	Susie Smith,S Mass (PGJ)	Sheryl Crow, O Florida	John Jones,O California	Don Thomas, S Minn	Axel Rose,O California		
locations/vehicles	rubber by barn	clay by road	clay by show jumping	grass blk suburban	middle grass blue truck		
sounds (whistle, bell, etc.)	bell	whistle	duck call	horn	bell		
scribe	Jane Doe	Lance Armstrong	Maria Shriver	John Lyons	Mabel Smith		
Technical Delegate	Joe Umpire, KY						
Veterinary Services	John Vet by barn 2 555-1111						
Farrier and location	Mary Kay / barn 8 222-1111						
Food and locations	vendor village, also barn 9						
bit check locations:	blue tent	blue tent	blue tent	green tent	green tent		
running on time?	(note time and check marks throughout day)						
photographers/video	Pauls Photos vendor village						
vendors/sponsors	see other page						
SJ open for walking?	after 1pm						
break time(s) and resume	9:20-9:40 1:06-1:26	9:50-10:10 2:02-2:30	9:45-10:05 1:46-2:12	10:00-10:20 1:45-2:05	11:20-11:40 2:31-2:51		
lunch break	11am-12	11:30-12:15	11:15-12	11:45-12:30	12:15-1pm		
finish for day	2:02	4pm	3:55	3:00	4:56		






## Dressage Day Savings

**Ring Announcements:** It is best to announce horse and rider as they are warming up around the ring.

*Basic announcement:* “Next to go in Arena 1 is #52, Sweetie Pie ridden by Joe Rider.”

*Better:* “The 9yr old chestnut Thoroughbred mare trotting around Arena 1 is “Sweetie Pie”. “Sweetie Pie” is owned by Mrs. Gotrocks and ridden today by Joe Rider. This pair placed first at Poplar Place in June at Beginner Novice.”

Then, as the horse/rider come down center line, “Sweetie Pie, ridden by Joe Rider.”

After the final halt/salute: “Finishing their Novice ride in ring #1, that was Sweetie Pie and Joe Rider.”

**Bit Check, Ring Stewards, Etc.** “Riders, please remember to have your bits checked AND to check in with the warm up stewards as you arrive for warm up. This will help us ensure that you arrive to the correct ring on time for your dressage ride.”

### **Time:**

*Basic:* “The official show time is 7:45.”

*Better:* “Your official show time is 7:45. We are 15 minutes away from an on time start in all 3 rings. The official show time is now 7:46.” “The official show time is 11:17. Ring 1 is running ON TIME, Ring 2 is running 8 minutes ahead, and Ring 3 is running 5 minutes behind. Your official show time is 11:18.” “The official show time is 12:56. Ring One will be picking up from lunch break in approximately 4 minutes. Ring 2 is still on break until 12:30. Ring 3 will be breaking for lunch in 4 minutes. Your official show time is 12:56.”

### **Dogs, children, and spectators:**

*Basic:* “Keep your dogs on a leash.” “Children must be accompanied by a parent.” “Stay away from the show rings.”

*Better:* “We love seeing your dogs at Riding High Acres, but we most especially love them when they are on leash. Non-leashed dogs will be escorted to the show office, and can be redeemed for a \$50 donation to the local humane society.” “Please remember that children move quickly, but horses are quicker. Let’s make sure everyone stays safe.” “For those of you who are new to dressage, just a reminder that these riders have worked very hard to get here. They will be penalized if you try to help them by talking to them or distracting them while they compete. For that and safety reasons, we ask that you maintain a respectful distance from the dressage rings.”

## **Show Jumping Day Sayings**

**Rider Announcements:** It is best to announce horse and rider as they enter the ring.

*Basic announcement:* “Now on course is #52, Sweetie Pie ridden by Joe Rider.”

*Better:* “The 9yr old chestnut Thoroughbred mare cantering towards fence #1 is “Sweetie Pie”. “Sweetie Pie” is owned by Mrs. Gotrocks and ridden today by Joe Rider. They were in third place after their dressage score of 34; a clean XC now leaves them firmly in second place in Novice C.”

### **Time:**

*Basic:* “The official show time is 7:45.”

*Better:* “Your official show time is 7:45. We are 15 minutes away from an on time start for show jumping. The official show time is now 7:46.” “The official show time is 11:17. We are running 11 minutes ahead for Show Jumping in Preliminary.” “The official show time is 12:56. We are on a 30 minute break while the course is reset and walked for the Training divisions.”

### **Dogs, children, and spectators:**

*Basic:* “Keep your dogs on a leash.” “Children must be accompanied by a parent.” “Stay away from the show rings.”

*Better:* “We love seeing your dogs at Riding High Acres, but we most especially love them when they are on leash. Non-leashed dogs will be escorted to the show office, and can be redeemed for a \$50 donation to the local humane society.” “For those of you who are new to Eventing, welcome! For the comfort of all, we ask that you not hang on the fence as it may distract the horses and riders.”

### **Falls of Horse and/or Rider:**

*Basic:* Say nothing. Saying nothing is better than screeching.

*Better (if you are comfortable with this):* “It appears that horse and rider have parted company at fence #11. Medics are checking that horse and rider are fine before allowing them to continue. Our #1 concern is safety of horse and rider, and that is why we do have medics and a vet on standby here.” Then you can do some announcing about sponsors or vendors, time permitting.

### **Color commentary:**

*No color commentary during rides. Afterwards, however...*

*Basic:* “4 jumping, 2 time.”

*Better:* “4 jumping, 2 time for a total of 6 faults. This will cost them in the placings.”

*Best:* “4 jumping, and 2 time for a total of 6 faults. They will keep their second place standing on their score of 40, meaning that the horse in first does not have a rail in hand.”

### **Refusals, and eliminations:**

“Thank you, rider. Unfortunately, 3 refusals on the show jumping course means the rider and horse are eliminated.”

## Cross Country Day Sayings

**Rider Announcements:** It is best to announce horse and rider as they leave the start and head to fence one...at least by fence # 3!

*Basic announcement:* “Now on course is #52, Sweetie Pie ridden by Joe Rider.”

*Better:* “The 9yr old chestnut Thoroughbred mare cantering towards fence #1 is “Sweetie Pie”. “Sweetie Pie” is owned by Mrs. Gotrocks and ridden today by Joe Rider. They are currently in third place in the Novice division C on their dressage score of 34.”

### **Time:**

*Basic:* “The official show time is 7:45.”

*Better:* “Your official show time is 7:45. We are 15 minutes away from an on time start for cross country. The official show time is now 7:46.” “The official show time is 11:17. We are running 11 minutes ahead on cross country in Preliminary.” “The official show time is 12:56. We are on a short break while jump judges move into place for the Training divisions.”

### **Dogs, children, and spectators:**

*Basic:* “Keep your dogs on a leash.” “Children must be accompanied by a parent.” “Stay away from the show rings.”

*Better:* “We love seeing your dogs at Riding High Acres, but we most especially love them when they are on leash. Non-leashed dogs will be escorted to the show office, and can be redeemed for a \$50 donation to the local humane society.” “For those of you who are new to Eventing, welcome! Come out and have a first hand look at the fences. Just a reminder that at each fence is a jump judge in a lovely orange vest. This person is in charge of keeping you and the horses and riders safe. Please listen to them and stay out of the competitors’ way.”

### **Falls of Horse and/or Rider:**

*Basic:* Say nothing. Saying nothing is better than screeching.

*Better:* “There is a loose horse on course, heading towards fence #12. Heads up everyone, loose horse on course.”

*Best (if you are comfortable with this):* “It appears that horse and rider have parted company at fence #11. Our jump judges are checking that horse and rider are fine before allowing them to continue. Our #1 concern is safety of horse and rider, and that is why we do have medics and a vet on standby here. I’ve been informed that horse and rider are fine, the rider has remounted, and will be continuing.”

### **Color commentary:**

*Basic and boring:* “Horse #72 has cleared fence #9.”

*Better:* “Joe Rider and Sweetie Pie are halfway through their cross country course as they have just cleared the ditch at fence #9.”

*Best (if you are quick on your feet):* “Heading towards the Nutrena Feed Ditch at #9 is Joe Rider and Sweetie Pie. They’ve dropped to a trot...taking a good look, hopping o-ver, and are clear.”

### **Refusals, and eliminations:**

*Basic:* “Horse #72 has been eliminated after 3 refusals at fence #14.”

*Better:* Joe Rider and Sweetie Pie have been eliminated at the water after 3 refusals.”

*Best:* Sweetie Pie and Joe Rider are approaching the water; and have run out to the right. Coming around for their second attempt, dropping to the trot, and ...a stop there. They are circling to the right, picking up the right lead, and...unfortunately a third stop. Sadly, Joe Rider and Sweetie Pie have been eliminated at the water complex.”