

Cones Timer Instructions

1. When the Competitor enters the ring:

- If there is an electric timer, be sure it is "cleared and set"
- Be sure your stopwatch is cleared
- Hold up your flag (or arm) when the bell or whistle sounds (if required by Judge)
- Drop arm/flag and start watch when the first horse nose crosses the Start Line.

2a. If the Judge sounds the whistle/bell & a Judge is with you

- Stop your watch and the electronic timer (if it has that function) when you hear the signal
- If the signal was for "Off Course" the Competitor is eliminated and will leave the ring. Record the Competitor # and put "E" for the time on your backup sheet. Go to Step 1.
- If the signal was for an equipment repair or an obstacle rebuild, start your watch/electronic timer when the Judge tells you to

2b. If the Judge sounds the whistle/bell & you are alone:

- Stop your watch and the electronic timer (if it has that function)
- Make a mental note of where the competitor was when you stopped the watch.
- If the signal was for "Off Course" the Competitor is eliminated and will leave the ring. Record the Competitor # and put "E" for the time on your backup sheet. Go to Step 1.
- If the signal is because of an equipment or harness problem, get ready as you see the "fix" being completed. The Judge will sound the bell/whistle again. Restart your watch (electronic clock) when the Competitor is about where he was when you stopped your watch
- If the signal is because an obstacle was knocked down and must be rebuilt, get ready as you see the "rebuild" being completed. The Judge will sound the bell/whistle again. Restart your watch (electronic clock) when the Competitor is about 10 meters (30 ft) from the obstacle rebuilt. For a multiple, 10 meters from the first element of the rebuilt obstacle.

3. Stop your watch/timer when the first horse nose crosses the finish line.

- a. Compare your time with the other timer and/or electronic clock. The volunteer designated the Official Timer makes the decision on the time. In most cases that will be the electronic timer if you are using one.
 - b. Radio the full Minutes, Seconds, 1/100 Seconds to the Judge
 - c. Record the Competitor #, Brief Description and Time Taken on the Cones Timer Backup Sheet.
 - d. Go back to Step 1
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