

Cones Timer Instructions – Pleasure Classes

- **Before the Class starts:**
 - Get instructions from your judge about how to time the class. Each type of pleasure class is timed differently.
 - Time is generally taken from when the first horse's nose crosses the "start" until the nose crosses the "finish."
 - However, some classes use the rear axle as the timing point so be sure you are clear on when you should start and stop your watch.
 - And some classes do not use "start" and "finish" as you might expect.

- **When the Competitor approaches the ring:**
 - 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.

- **If the Judge sounds the whistle/bell to Stop before the course is complete.**
 - Stop your watch BUT DO NOT CLEAR IT – the round may restart.
 - If the signal is because of a rebuild, or an equipment/harness problem, get ready as you see the "fix" being completed.
 - A signal will be given when the driver must resume the course. They will be allowed to go back far enough to regain momentum.
 - Start your watch again when the competitor reaches the point where they stopped.

- **Stop your watch/timer when the first horse nose crosses the finish line or the set of cones designated by the Judge as the "finish" for classes that stop after a fault.**
 - 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. Tell or Radio the full Minutes, Seconds, 1/100 Seconds to the Judge
 - c. Record the Competitor Number and Time on your Backup Sheet