



## **Area A Horse Show Advisory Committee**



### **HORSE SHOW ANNOUNCER**

#### **Basic Function**

To set a positive and efficient tone and pace for the show

#### **Specific Responsibilities**

- Plan on arriving at least 30 minutes early to test the sound system and become oriented
- Begin by welcoming everyone (parents, leaders, youth, judges, and show volunteers)
- Introduce the youth leading the pledges for the day
- Announce photographers, vet, farrier, and any vendors for the day
- Thank the host county and sponsors
- Keep the participants informed of the progress of the show as much as possible
- Be prepared to give appropriate instructions in case of an emergency
- Relay judges' instructions to the exhibitors in the ring
- Let the judge know how many exhibitors to expect
- Begin calling the first class of the day, or the first class after a break, at least 10 minutes prior; give the second call 5 minutes prior to the start of the class
- Give the first gate call for subsequent classes or heats, when the judging for the class or heat in the arena is 50%-70% complete depending on the size of the class/heat. Give the second gate call for subsequent classes or heats, just before you anticipate announcing placing or call backs for the current class or heat.
- All gate calls should include the number of the class, the names of the class and the number of exhibitors entered in the class.
- Announce class placing 1-6 in reverse order starting with 6<sup>th</sup> place. Announce exhibitor number, horse name, exhibitor name, and home county.

- If you are announcing a timed speed event, you will announce the exhibitor's time at the completion of their run.
- In the event that a show is being suspended due to severe weather, take the following action:
  - Announce that the show is being suspended due to local severe weather
  - Announce that everyone should seek safe shelter immediately for themselves and their animals
  - Avoid contact with any electrical equipment during the severe weather
- When management determines it is safe to resume the show following a severe weather suspension, announce the procedure and timeline for resuming the show as determined by show management