

Hazard Timer Instructions

1. Before the Competitor approaches the Obstacle:

- If there is an electric timer, be sure it is “cleared and set”
- Be sure your stopwatch is cleared

2. As the Competitor approaches the Obstacle.

- Position yourself in a direct line with your gate (In, Out or Both), but outside of all possible routes. Pay attention if the competitor/gator are screaming at you as they approach and waving you out of the way – you may be standing in their planned route!
- If you are at the In Gate and another timer is at the Out Gate, you will need to signal the timer on the other gate when the Competitor crosses your line. Hold up your flag (or arm) as competitor approaches. Then drop your arm and start your watch as the first equine nose crosses.
- If you are at the Out Gate and another timer is at the In Gate, you start your watch with the In Gate timer drops their flag.

3. While the Competitor is in the Obstacle:

- Stay alert! An emergency may result in the carriage leaving early and by an unexpected route and/or without a driver!
- Keep your watch running regardless of what happens in the hazard. Nothing stops the clock until the competitor CORRECTLY passes thru the Out Gate.
- If you have been assigned a lettered gate to watch, signal clear or not without making any noise.

4. When the Competitor approaches the Out Gate:

- If you are at the Out Gate and another timer is at the In Gate, you will need to signal the timer on the other gate when the Competitor crosses your line. Hold up your flag (or arm) as competitor approaches. Then drop your arm and stop your watch as the first equine nose crosses.
- If you are at the In Gate and another timer is at the Out Gate, stop your watch when the Out Gate timer drops their flag.
- If the competitor leaves the obstacle without passing thru the Out Gate or goes thru it in the wrong direction, KEEP THE WATCHES RUNNING AND DO NOT SAY ANYTHING! They have until their time reaches 5 minutes to come back and go out correctly. If they don't it's an Elimination.

3. Compare times with other timers and the Electronic Clock (if any). Official Timer decides based on input from all timers. (It is not uncommon to be off by as much as 50/100 Secs)

- a. In most cases the Official Timer should accept the electronic timer reading as the “official time” unless something has happened to disrupt it during the round.
- b. Record the Competitor #, Brief Description and Time Taken on the Obstacle Timer Backup Sheet.
- c. Official Timer tells the Obstacle Observer the time in Minutes, Seconds, 1/100 Secs. NO ROUNDING!
- d. Go back to Step 1