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2026

Report Schedule for Cross-Country Personnel

(STARTING TIMES WILL BE AVAILABLE FRIDAY AT BRIEFINGS)

Communications Control and the Announcer will be located in a large tent on top of the Steeplechase Tiered Seating. The Scorer will be located in a mobile office, also on top of the Steeplechase Seating Mound. Radios, if assigned, are to be picked up (and returned) to the Radio Center which is located in the trailer on the North side of the Stable Office.

Cross-Country One hour before the first horse is to start on the Cross-Country Course, all personnel must be in place.

1. Area Stewards with Veterinary and Medical Support
2. Starters and Timers
3. Fence Judges and Assistants
4. Obstacle Communicators
5. Timing and Stopping Stewards
6. Crossover Gatekeepers
7. Crowd Control
8. Competitor Refreshments

VET BOX At the time the first horse is scheduled to start Cross-Country, all Vet Box personnel must be in place.

1. Vet Box Staff
2. Veterinarians
3. Veterinary Assistants
4. Medical Support
5. End of Cross-Country Competitor Assistance

GENERAL INFORMATION

Timetable

Starting Timetable - Will be available late Friday afternoon in the Information Booth in Rolex Stadium or the Trade Fair for all Cross-Country Personnel in time for the Briefings. ALL CHIEFS SHOULD GET THE AMOUNT THEY NEED FOR THEIR WORKERS AND PASS THEM OUT SO THAT THEY ARE ASSURED THAT ALL THEIR WORKERS HAVE THEM AND ARE PRESENT.

Control of Areas/Communications/Emergency Situations

Area Stewards – The Area Stewards have the responsibility, authority and control of all persons within their Area. Through a direct radio link with Control on a separate network, they will handle Emergency Situations.

Obstacle Communicators – From information received from Fence Judges, Obstacle Communicators on Cross-Country will report obstacle scores, as well as occurrences at obstacles, directly through radio communication.

Emergency Situations – Area Stewards monitor the Obstacle Communicator Radio Network. If there is an accident, the Fence Judge or Assistant reports it to Control through the Obstacle Communicator. Control will work with the Area Steward to resolve the problem. The Area Steward will carry out any further communication necessary directly with Control on a separate radio network.

Treat People as You Would Like To Be Treated If You Were A Spectator - It is vitally important that everyone treat everyone and anyone with whom they come in contact politely and respectfully, whether they are a co-worker, media, spectator, sponsor or competitor. Remember that at some other event you may be the one caught in the middle of the galloping lane with no idea which way to go! It can happen to the best of us.



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Photographers and Media Representatives

Be especially cognizant of **assisting** Photographers and Media Representatives. They are doing a necessary job that can bring favorable recognition to our sport, which we desperately need. They will be identified by pinneys indicating either "Media" or "Photographer." They can't be inside the ropes unless they have a proper credential, but you should help them to get a good position so that they have a clear view or shot of the action. This may require asking spectators to move aside for "just one horse" so that the member of the press can do his or her job. BUT, that reporter or photographer must cooperate by remaining in that special spot you have provided for no more than two (2) horses since the spectators just aren't going to tolerate him/her being there for any longer. If you have a problem with anyone, have the Obstacle Communicator call Control for assistance. If the photographer or media representative is being less than professional and courteous, simply advise him/her that you can do no more and are calling for assistance, which will be dispatched to you immediately.

Official Photographers/Television Crew will be identified by credential badges. The television filming crew (for our ESPN 3 and Livestream) will be wearing green pinneys with "Carr-Hughes" in white. Official photographers will have photo id badges. **Both Official Photographers and television crew members may be inside the ropes surrounding the obstacle**, but they must be positioned so that they do not obstruct a horse's path nor interfere with either the horse's or rider's concentration. Questions should be referred to the Technical Delegate but remember in the case of the Television Crew that they only have one shot at it if they are taping a specific rider, so be flexible. If you need assistance, advise Control that you need the Technical Delegate to come to the obstacle. Also, please make sure there are no vehicles in the line of sight of the television cameras.

Equireels/Videographers there will be a video camera on a tripod at every jump and at some jumps, more than one. While the Equireels team and Videographer volunteers will be monitoring these, please let your area steward know if you witness a problem with them. Also, while these cameras will be inside the ropes, please make sure they are not obstructed for some reason.

Competitors Walking the Course

Competitors have been asked to wear a neon orange COMPETITOR ARMBAND. They are issued 3 of these so they may have 2 others with them with the same identifier when walking the course anytime as well as on Cross-Country Day. However, many will not do so simply because they have forgotten and they are so intent on walking the course. If a competitor is discourteous or rude to you if you ask them to clear the course, please get the name and report this unsportsmanlike conduct to your Area Steward who will report it to Management. We have warned competitors that if they don't wear their armband they MAY NOT take offense when a fence judge or mounted steward does his/her job. Competitors have been told that there will be consequences for unsportsmanlike conduct.

The Wait After Scores Are Posted

Fence Judges, Area Stewards, Starters, Timers, Timing Stewards and the applicable Chief Stewards MUST REMAIN in a central location for 45 minutes after the last score is posted and it has been announced as having been posted and is OFFICIAL. An announcement will be made when you are free to leave. The waiting spot will be the **North Exhibit Hall of the Alltech Arena** where refreshments will be available to you.

Return of Equipment

Please be sure to return all your equipment to your Chief Steward at the end of the day.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING DEFENDER KENTUCKY THREE-DAY EVENT A SUCCESS.