

Jump Judge Guidelines:

Thank you for Volunteering as a XC Jump Judge! We appreciate you taking the time to help us put on a great show. Without you, this wouldn't be possible. Here are some general rules/guidelines to know while jump judging:

- Please bring with you: a chair, bug spray, sunscreen, hat and appropriate clothing for the weather. NO UMBRELLAS – these tend to spook the horses. Rain jackets/ponchos best.
- You will be given a radio to communicate with the starter/timer. The starter/timer are like the central command center. If you have any problems, please communicate to them (rider fall, refusal, missed jump, or any other major concerns).
- You will be assigned a jump (or a few) & given score sheets for each individual jump. Please make sure your name is at the top of each sheet. Double check the correct jump is assigned to each sheet and you know where each of your jump(s) are located.
- At the start of each division, the starter will go through a radio check with each jump judge to make sure everyone is in place.
- Please pick a place where you are not in the line of travel of the horse/rider. Not too close to the jump and not in a “spooky” area where you might interfere with the horse’s line of sight.
- Once the division starts, the starter gives the number of the horse/rider and a short description of them (for example: #1 is now on course...black horse, pink colors). You can right a short description next to the number on sheet if this helps you keep everything straight.
- Communication is key – We need to know:
 - If horse was clear for your jump(s) – say, “Rider #1 clear for fences 3 & 4” for example.
 - If horse refused – for example say “Rider 1, 1 refusal on fence 3, clear fence 4”
 - Each horse is eliminated after 3 refusals at a single fence, or 4 refusals total through the course. If you think they are safe to continue, we can allow them to move on to the next fence. If you think that moving on may cause the rider to become unseated further down the course or things are looking dangerous, please let them know that they are unfortunately eliminated and they need to return to the barn/trailers at a walk. They may walk back mounted or unmounted (as long as they did not fall off the horse) and need to stay clear of any oncoming riders.

- The starter/timer need to know if there has been an elimination and if horse/rider are headed back to barn or continuing on course.
- If rider falls – please radio immediately – “Rider fall at fence 3”. We will then send our medical person out on course to check on them. Even if they are well enough to stand and walk, our medical person still needs to have a look at them. They are allowed to walk with the horse (on foot only) back to the barn/trailers. But let them know they will need to see our medical team immediately. **DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO GET BACK ON THEIR HORSE!**
 - If there is another horse/rider behind the person who fell, we will need to hold that rider on course until the course is cleared. The timer will make note of the time they are held & will do a countdown for when they are allowed to start back up.
- Once division is completed, a score runner will come around on a golf cart to collect the score sheets. Please be sure they are complete.
- The score tent may have questions for you at the conclusion of XC – please check in with them to make sure they don’t have any questions prior to you leaving the show grounds. Sometimes a rider has an inquiry, and you may be needed to help clarify what happened with the score tent.
- For more detailed information on jump judging, the USEA has a great set of videos to watch. You can find them here: [USEA | Jump Judge Instructional Videos](#)