

Music Set Up & Playing Standard Operating Procedure

Week before the event

Vaulting competitors usually upload their music files to a cloud storage app such as Dropbox which then someone sorts into classes (Refer to Music compiling SOP). These folders should be shared with you prior to the event. Internet is not always available or reliable so it is best if you download the folder to a device such as a laptop that you can use to play the music on the day of the event. For example the folder structure may look like this:

1 Horse development	16/05/2021 9:31
2 Novice Individual	16/05/2021 9:11
3 Preliminary Individual	16/05/2021 10:14
4 Advanced Compulsories	16/05/2021 9:11
5 Pre-Novice Individual	16/05/2021 9:12
6 Intermediate compulsories	16/05/2021 12:32
7 AWD Individual	16/05/2021 9:12

Ideally music files should be labelled - team - vaulter names - class

-  Acacia Gold Run in
-  Acacia Gold, Lily Bradley, Prelim Ind, Compulsory, Class 6A
-  Acacia run in - new
-  Acacia, Lily Bradley, Prelim Ind, Freestyle, Class 6B
-  PHEVA Lilly Belchambers Preliminary Freestyle
-  PhEVA Lilly Belchambers, Preliminary Compulsories
-  PHEVA Run In
-  VSVT Caitlin Barry, preliminary freestyle, class 6
-  VSVT Compulsories
-  VSVT Josh Holmes, preliminary freestyle
-  VSVT Josie Collins, preliminary freestyle
-  VSVT Ruby King, preliminary Freestyle
-  VSVT Run In
-  Wilameka Run In

On the day of the event

Negotiate with the organisers for a space to run the music from. This should preferably have a good view of the performance arena so that you can see the start cues from the vaulters. Set up the mixing desk, devices to play music, a microphone, speakers on the arena, and speaker for the audience to hear the music. Having a second music player such as a phone is useful for playing music during breaks, e.g. morning tea, afternoon tea etc.

See [this link](https://youtu.be/QS-G1LiUS0) (https://youtu.be/QS-G1LiUS0) for a video explaining how to set up the Vaulting SA sound system. The video runs for about 15minutes.

During the event

Once the judge has rung the bell, signalling they are ready for the vaulters to enter the competition circle, play the appropriate run in music for the incoming team.

(i.e. the Acacia Gold run in or VSVT run in)

While the run in music is playing announce the vaulter name/s, club name, horse name and lunger. Something like:

“Please welcome Sam Fran from Acacia Gold who will be vaulting on Prancing Pony, and lunged by Bella Jane”

If there are a few vaulters all from the same club you can announce them all as one group.

Fade out the music once the competitors have moved to the edge of the area and are ready.

The horse will then do a circle to be assessed as sound by the judge.

The judge will then ring the bell when they are ready for the vaulter to start their routine

The Vaulter will raise their hand when it they are ready for their music to start.

Some song files are a little quiet and some are little loud, so monitor the volume with the fader on the mixer to maintain an even sound level.

Fade out the song once the vaulter has completed their routine (usually one minute for freestyle)

In the lower classes, vaulters will usually perform their compulsory routine, then do their freestyle.

In the higher classes they may only do their compulsory routines and freestyles separately.

Sometimes every vaulter has their own compulsory music, but often in the lower grades and there are multiple vaulters from one club, there is one song which can be left running until the last vaulter has finished.

Once the vaulter/s have completed their routines, play the run in music again and the vaulter will assemble with the horse and the lunger and bow to the judge. You can then back announce the vaulter. i.e. “From Van Someran Vaulting Team, that was Josie Black vaulting on Stella Luna, lunged by Amelia Bent”

Presentation

After the last class there is usually a small break while the final scores and places are calculated.

This is then followed by the presentation. Competitors usually assemble at the side of the arena and then run in together and assemble in their teams. You can choose your favourite run in music of the day for this.

The announcer will usually use your microphone for the presentations.

After presentation and thankyou's, sometimes vaulters also do a run off from the arena. Again, choose your favourite song for them to run off.

Pack Up

Wind up all leads and place them back in the plastic create. Hopefully there are ties that can be used to tie them up. Put the Mackie speakers back in their bags. Check with the organiser as to where they want the equipment placed.

PA set up for vaulting

