**Time Keeping Standard Operating Procedure**

The Judge is only person who is allowed to ring the bell.

Timing starts when the first vaulter touches the horse or barrel. The Judge may say “stop the clock” that means “please pause the timing” –you may be asked to restart the clock later. The clock should be stopped when the vaulter loses contact with the horse but rely on the judge to confirm that with you.

Some judges prefer to use Timers that count down and some use stop watches, which count up. Be sure to know how to use whichever time piece you are provided.

If only one vaulter is competing on a horse when they are doing both compulsories and freestyle immediately following, the Judge may ask you to time 1 minute between compulsories and freestyle. Before the start of competition agree with the judge if they require the last 5 seconds of available time to be counted down out loud - You will say 5/4/3/2/1/0.

Squads are timed for Compulsories and Freestyle test.

Individuals are timed for freestyle tests and Technical tests only.

Pas de Deuxs are timed for freestyle tests only.

There are requirements for starting within 30 seconds of the bell but these are usually only enforced at larger “time poor events”. Judges will ask if they need this timed.

**TIME LIMITS**

**Horse**

Individuals Freestyle and Individual Tech test – 1 minute

Pas de Deux Freestyle

* Walk – 2 minutes
* Intermediate - 1min 30sec
* Open – 2 minutes

Squad

* Compulsories – 6 minutes
* Freestyle – 4 minutes

**Barrel**

Individual – 1 minute

Pas de Deux – 2 minutes

Squad – usually 4 minutes

Fun/ Recreational classes on horses and or barrels may differ from above and the judge should be able to advise you how much time is allowed.