

Notes for Announcer at Point to Points

General. The Announcer along with the Commentator are the only public facing officials on the day. As such they set the tone and often decide whether the public have a good day and want to come back or not.

It is therefore vital that the announcer follows a routine which all can understand and does not do things randomly. To that end they should also co-ordinate with the Commentator and Presentations (if different) before racing starts.

The Order things should be said after each race:

- **Judges result.** This gives the order past the post – nothing more.
- **Runners for the next race>**
 - Start by giving racegoers a warning that you will be giving out the runners and what page it is in the racecard. This also gives you the opportunity to thank the sponsors.
 - Then give the runners by number only, not forgetting to say over the page at the appropriate time
 - Finally give the detail. This should include:
 - Number
 - Horse's name
 - Owner, trainer and rider. Owners like this and we are short of them so make it memorable for them
 - Weights if different from card. The race card gives the weight for the horse but this may well be adjusted due to jockey allowance. NB if someone is riding overweight do not say that, just give out the new weight the horse will be carrying (no-one wants to be called a porker and they may not return).
NB It is vital that the corrected weights are given as it makes a huge difference in likelihood of winning from punters perspective and as such probity of sport is at risk. You need to make sure you are given this by Decs/Scales for each race so talk to them beforehand
 - Kit additions – eg tongue tie, blinkers etc.
- **Horses Away** this will be told you by Clerk of Scales when jockeys have weighed in. Send this out as soon as you receive it even if it interrupts the flow above.
- **Weighed in and Official result.** You should be told this 5 minutes after actually weighed in to give opportunity for objections. NB This means that there is always time to get out the runners above. It should include:
 - First. Number and name of horse with owner, trainer and rider
 - Second. As above
 - Third. As above
 - Fourth horse was ...
 - Distances were....
 - In a time of ...

Relax – **Presentations can now give out prizes.** They must not do this before you give the official result.

- **State best turned out** for next race when provided the name. Grooms also like recognition

Its then over to the Commentator

NB Less is more, the general public does not enjoy the PA system going non stop, and there needs to be space for emergencies like lost children etc