

ANNOUNCER

- Must be at least 18 years of age; male/female
- Must wear white top and black skirt/pants
- One or two announcers will be required for each day of competition, preferably same persons for all 2-3 days of competition
- Must have the general knowledge of Rhythmic Gymnastics, be able to stimulate spectator's interest and influence the timing of activities, responsibilities include:
 1. Checking the rotation order with the event Head Judge prior to each rotation;
 2. Being attentive to Judge Responsible signals during the competition;
 3. Ensuring schedule changes and gymnast scratches re announced;
 4. Being familiar with the correct pronunciation of names and club affiliations;
 5. Preparing or reviewing a provided script;
 6. Keeping the meet on schedule by timing warm-ups and breaks, clearing the floor and announcing each march-in;
 7. Being familiar with the competition schedule, announcing rotation change from event to event; announcing the order of competition, name and apparatus
 8. Keeping competition running in a timely fashion;
 9. Thanking sponsors and recognizing special guests at opportune moments during the competition;
 10. Recognizing the fine efforts of all competitors and congratulating the coaches
 11. Thanking the judges for their participation;
 12. Understanding the awards protocol, announcing award quickly and accurately;
 13. Choosing someone to read the athlete and judge oath in both English and French:
 14. Before every rotation the Announcer needs to clearly state the rules: no one from the audience is allowed to touch the athlete's apparatus or that athlete will get a deduction. No flash photography. No one should leave or enter the stands during a routine.

NOTE: The sample of script will be provided, please, make yourself familiar with the script prior to the beginning of competition, feel free to change the wording of the script to make it more YOU.

Sample Announcements:

“There now will be a short break so that the athletes can warm up for the next rotation. Competition will resume in 5 minutes”;

“We will now be taking a half hour break for lunch. Coffee, food and refreshments are available in the cafeteria on the second floor. Competition will resume promptly at 1.00pm”;

“On behalf of the athletes we ask that everyone in the audience refrain from using flash photography. The bright flash momentarily blinds the athletes and impairs their ability to see the apparatus. Thank you”;

“Just a reminder to everyone in the audience, if at any time a gymnast loses her apparatus and it travels towards you, **DO NOT TOUCH** the apparatus. The gymnast will be deducted if you assist her in any way. Thank you”

Supplies:

- Job description / instruction sheet
- Script sample
- Announcer checklist
- Pen or pencil
- Copy of rotation
- Microphone
- Extension cords / table / chair