

HUNTMASTER SPEECH

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- This will be a walking/standing start (whichever your club is using).
- Do not release your hound until the “T” of Tally-Ho.
- There will be a one to ten point penalty, per judge, for a pre-slip.
- I will ask if the handlers if you are ready, then ask the judges if they are ready, then the lure operator, and the handlers one more time.
- Please give a clear yes or no.
- Do not call to your dog while the course is in progress.
- If your hound does not run or returns to you before the course is over, I will ask you to retrieve the hound. Please do so immediately.
- Do not retrieve your hound before I ask you to do so.
- Any questions?

Huntmaster now asks:

- “Judges, are you ready?
- Lure Operator, are you ready?
- Handlers, are you ready?”

- Upon affirmative answers from all, raise your arm up into the air and twirl it to indicate to the Lure Operator to start the lure. Once the lure has moved a sufficient distance:

- Drop your arm and yell “Tally-Ho!”

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WHAT TO WATCH FOR:

- The order of the hounds is, from left to right, Yellow, Pink and Blue.
- Check that slip leads are properly set.
- **Preslips:** No hound should be released before the “T” in Tally-ho. If there is a preslip, you must inform the judge(s) and the guilty handler(s).
- **Aggression:** Keep alert for aggression at the beginning and the end of each course. Inform the judges if you see aggression, and report which hound(s).
- If there is a hound that is not running the lure, keep watching that hound. If he returns to the handler area, have the handler retrieve the hound.

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