

STANDARD FIELD HERALD'S LITANY

Thank you for volunteering to herald this tournament! The herald's role is to make sure that everyone knows what's happening, and what they should be doing. You help the tourney to flow more smoothly, and help the audience to follow along and cheer for the fighters.

ANNOUNCING THE ROUND

Before each round, you will announce the pairings, in the order that they will be fought.

“Oyez! Oyez! My Lords and my Ladies!

These are the pairings for the <first, second, etc> round:

In the first bout, <name> shall face <name>!

In the second bout, <name> shall face <name>!”

(continue as necessary to call all pairings)

“And <name> shall have the bye!” *(only if there is a bye this round)*

CALLING THE FIGHTERS

Before each bout, you will call the fighters to the field, and for the next pair to get ready.

“<name> and <name>, please attend the field!

<name> and <name>, please arm and stand ready!”

ANNOUNCING THE BOUT

At the beginning of each bout, you will announce the two fighters, and lead the salutes.

“Oyez! Oyez! My Lords and my Ladies!

In this bout, here do meet <name>!”

(Pause while the audience cheer this fighter)

“...and <name>!”

(Pause while the audience cheer this fighter)

“Good gentles, salute the Crown!”

(You should also bow towards the Crown)

“You may salute the one whose favour you bear!”

(Pause while the fighters salute)

“Salute your most honourable opponent!”

(Pause while the fighters salute)

“For honour and glory, at the marshal’s command...!”

(You should never call “Lay On” as this is the marshal’s job.)

AFTER THE BOUT

At the conclusion of each bout, you will announce the victor.

Don’t assume who that might be, wait for the marshal to indicate one of the fighters.

If they don’t indicate one, ask!

“Victory to <name>!”

AFTER THE ROUND

At the end of each round, you will announce its completion.

“This concludes the <first, second, etc> round of this tournament!”

If this is an elimination tourney, the lists keeper may give you a list of those eliminated this round.

“Oyez! Oyez! My Lords and my Ladies!

Eliminated in the <first, second, etc> round of this tournament were...”

(Read the list of names, pausing after each for the audience to cheer.)

“For the fallen! Hip hip!” *(Audience huzzahs)*

“Hip hip!” *(Audience huzzahs)*

“Hip hip!” *(Audience huzzahs)*