

EQUIPMENT CHECKER/ ASSISTANT RING STEWARD

Job Description:

The job of equipment checker is to perform random inspections (at the direction of the Technical Delegate) once the competitor has completed a ride. They will notify the TD of any potential issues, for example whip is too long, or the bit is illegal.

At the volunteer briefing, you will receive a clipboard with information and diagrams regarding what bits are illegal. The TD will instruct you on how frequently to inspect bits. You will also receive rubber gloves to use when checking bits- one per glove. Be sure to check the bit after the horse's performance, not before. You're basically checking to make sure the horse has an acceptable bit in its mouth, vs something non acceptable (barbed wire, or some other strange contraption). You will also have a string or measuring tape with the acceptable whip length- check whips at the direction of the TD. Be on the look out for other illegal equipment, as indicated in your literature or described by the Technical Delegate. Radio the TD immediately if you have any problems, questions, or illegal equipment.

When not checking bits or whips, you will assist the ring steward in their duties.

Job Requirements:

No prior experience is needed. You should be comfortable working around and with horses. Patience and tact are needed; you'll be dealing mainly with competitors and their horses. Organization and ability to multi-task are a definite plus!

What to expect:

You will be provided with a booth to keep you out of the sun and rain- but you will have to leave the booth to check bits and talk to riders. You will get to see many of the tests and see all of the horses up close and personal.