

## **RING STEWARD**

### **Job Description:**

If you are stationed at the Walker or Upwey Rings, you will be assigned to 2 rings and will have an Equipment Checker to assist you.

If you are stationed at the White Ring, you will be both ring steward and equipment checker.

The job of the ring steward is to make sure competitors are ready to go into the ring on time. You will be stationed at your ring with a show schedule. Greet and keep track of all riders in your area, and let them know if you are running on time, ahead, or behind. Also tell them where they are in the order of go- next, 2 away, ect. Let the riders know if they can warm-up around or inside the ring when it is their turn.

If you are missing a rider who is 2 or 3 away, first contact the warm-up steward. If the rider is not there, contact the show office to see if they have scratched. Pass along any information you have to the judge- in between rides. If there are scratches, other riders MAY go earlier, but are not required to ride before their time. Keep in close contact with the warm-up steward so that they can help communicate scheduling changes to competitors.

Don't try to radio the judge during a ride! Wait until the rider salutes to pass along any messages. Be sure to ask the judge before allowing riders to show out of order. Let the judge know the number of riders who are filling scratches- they may not be correct on the scribe's paperwork.

If your ring is running ahead or behind, let the show office know! They can make announcements to keep competitors informed.

**Note:** If there is an emergency, don't assume that someone else will call it in! You will be provided with a list of radio contacts- be alert and ready to radio for medical or veterinary help if needed.

### **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 talk to riders. On the positive side, you get to watch all the tests.