

## **WARM-UP STEWARD**

GMHA's warm-up stewards will be located in either the Dust Bowl or Upwey Ring.

### **Job Description:**

The main job of the warm-up ring steward is to ensure that riders have a safe place to warm up and get to the competition ring on time.

Your main duty is to keep track of the riders getting ready to compete in your ring (or rings). It is important to notify riders if the show is running ahead or behind schedule, and when they are 2-3 rides out. If they haven't gone on their own, you should send them to the competition ring when they are next to go. You will be in close contact with the Ring Steward for your rings by radio. If a rider has not appeared 20 minutes before their scheduled time, call the show office to see if they have scratched and report this information to the ring steward.

Maintaining safety in the area includes keeping people on foot from entering the arena; making sure that longeing is only done in designated areas, ect. You can always call the TD or show management if you need assistance.

**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, but you do need to be comfortable working around horses. Patience and tact are needed, as you will be dealing with competitors, coaches/trainers, parents and spouses.

### **What to Expect:**

There is usually a lot of traffic around the warm-up arena – horses coming and going, trainers/coaches working with their students, grooms and well wishers. When the arena is busy and there is a lot of horses coming and going, you'll spend a lot of time on your feet. You probably won't be able to view the actual tests as they are being ridden, but you will get to see the warm-up.