

# Dressage Ring Steward Instructions

## Overview: Dressage Ring Steward Controls Competitors Entering the Ring

1. Greet the Competitor in a friendly manner and relay any “Instructions from the Judge” that you have been given such as whether or not they may warm-up inside the ring, or around the ring, ect.
2. Listen for the Judges bell/whistle and be sure the Competitor has heard it and is heading toward the ring. They are penalized if they enter more than a minute after the bell.
3. As the Competitor enters the ring, radio: “Competitor (number) entering.”
4. Check that your next Competitor is “on deck”. If not, radio Dressage Warm Up and ask them to send the competitor down.
5. If the next Competitor does not present themselves and are not in Warm-Up:
  - Radio the show office to see if they have scratched
  - Radio the Judge (between competitors!) with any information you know about why they have not arrived. The judge will either wait for them, or will move on to the next competitor. Competitors may choose to go early, but are NOT required to.
  - If they present themselves later, radio the Judge for instructions – between competitors.

### **Notes:**

Do not radio the Judge during the test. He/she will be judging each movement and cannot be interrupted. Wait until after the competitor leaves the ring.

YOU can keep the show running on time! A diligent steward makes a huge difference to the show schedule. If your ring is running early or late, let warm-up and the show office know so that competitors can be alerted.

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.