

Dressage

Dressage Scribe: Writes down scores and comments made by the dressage judge during a dressage test. Before the test, makes sure that the correct score sheet is being used – that it matches the horse’s bridle number. Must be able to write quickly and clearly, in sometimes cramped conditions such as the passenger seat of a truck, in small boxes on the score sheet. Small, legible handwriting is a godsend. [WATCH: Scribe Training Video](#)

Warm-Up Steward: Manages the dressage warm-up area. Often there is more than one competition ring, so makes sure that competitors know when they’re close to their starting time and gets them out of warm up and to their dressage ring on time. Also often needs to make sure the warm-up area does not become too crowded. Needs to be able to coordinate closely with the gate steward, if one exists, usually by hand held radio. Often needs a loud, firm voice to be heard by competitors. Works out of doors and tracks competitor numbers on a clipboard. [WATCH: Warm-Up Steward Training Video](#)

Bit Check: Checks every competitor’s bit for legality, also checks spur and whip length, tightness of the noseband, and ear bonnets for illegal soundproofing. This is not an entry level position. The bit checker must know the current USEF regulations on which bits and spurs are legal, and there are very many legal ones, and very many more illegal ones. Must be comfortable approaching every horse, even fractious ones, and sticking a gloved finger in its mouth to check the bit. Must change the glove between every horse for biosecurity. Must be able to track horses on a clipboard. This is an outdoor position. [WATCH: Bit Check Training Video](#)

Score Runner: Collects dressage score sheets and brings them to the scorers. This is an easy outdoor job that only requires knowing how not to interfere with a dressage test in progress. Suitable for young teens or mature children.** Score Runner is required to have a valid driver's license (if golf cart is used) [WATCH: Score Runner Training Video](#)

Other Volunteer Positions

Hospitality Steward/Helper(s): Assist and maintain the comfort of all volunteers and officials (offering drinks, snacks, lunches, etc.). Ensures all coolers are filled with drinks and ice. Some physical movement required and must be allowed and able to drive motorized vehicle.

Announcer: Announces general announcements throughout the day. Relays competitor information to the general public. Keeps competition informed who is on course. Minimal physical movement required. Need ability to correctly pronounce names and track information.

Awards: Setting up an awards display table and to organize the ribbons by division so they are ready to be handed out either during a mounted awards ceremony or in the show office. They also keep track of who picked up which ribbons and write names on the backs of ones that don't get picked up. At the end of the competition, they inventory any remaining ribbons, trophies, awards, etc. and give that list to the secretary or organizer.