

SCHOOLING SHOW VOLUNTEER JOBS

Concierge (*Greeter, General Information, Volunteer Coordination at Show*)

The concierge is a general information specialist who greets the competitors and volunteer, providing a happy, cheerful presence. He/she is responsible to ensure volunteers are okay throughout the day, provides coverage for bathroom breaks of volunteers, checks to make sure volunteers have supplies they need, helps to answer questions, and fill in when necessary. This is a great job for someone who has done it all and wants to help out.

In-Gate Steward

The in-gate steward keeps track of who is riding in the ring at all times. S/he will be in constant communication with the paddock master to keep the show running on schedule. This job is for a person who can follow a schedule and keep competitors on deck ready to show.

Office Helper

An office helper assists the show secretary in the office, posting scores, setting out ribbons and more. This job is perfect for someone who loves to meet people, answer questions and generally help out in the office. Ability to multi-task is probably the most important trait needed in this job.

Paddock Stewards

The paddock steward supervises the warm-up ring and alerts riders when it is time head to the show ring. S/he must also be willing to remind riders of rules and enforce safety regulations. Although Paddock masters will not be checking bits, they need to have a basic knowledge of legal saddlery and equipment. The only equipment you need to bring to the show is your watch-NODA will provide the clipboard, schedule and a walkie-talkie. This is a good job for an assertive individual who likes to be in the action. It is also a great way to meet people and their horses close up!

Runners

A runner is in charge of picking up the completed tests from each of the judges and delivering them to the tabulator. They also relay requests from the judge and may carry messages from the office to the officials. This job requires the least "skill" so to speak but requires the most physical activity; sometimes in inclement weather.

Scribes

A scribe writes down the judge's comments and scores on the test. A good scribe must be able to write legibly and quickly in order to keep up with the judge. Although it is not necessary to have ridden upper level tests, scribes must be familiar with these tests and their terminology. This is a great opportunity to learn from the judge but this is not a good job for someone who likes to talk a lot.

Note: If volunteering to scribe at a show in which you are competing, your rides must be completed prior to scribing.

Tabulators

A tabulator works in the office to tally the scores on the completed tests. Currently tabulation is done on a computer but sometimes a 10-key calculator is used. Tabulators must be comfortable working with a computer, printing off results and posting scores. This is a great job for a detail-oriented person who who wants to volunteer in the comfort of an office.