

GATE KEEPER – WARM UP ARENA

The Gate Keeper at the Warm Up Arena makes sure that riders are safe and communicates the order of “go” based on ride times on the official schedule.

Tasks:

- Make sure you have the most up-to-date schedule on a clip board with a pen.
- Make sure there are no special rules or changes before you leave the show office such as a limit on the number of horses in the arena.
- Stand to the side of the entrance to the warm up arena where everyone can see you.
- As the riders approach the ring, greet them and ask them for their number. Check them off on your schedule, so you know who is in the ring.
- You may have a walkie/talkie to use to communicate to the show office; to let show office know of any change that you are aware of from riders or trainers.
- Be in communication with the riders in the warmup. Let them know if they are after the current ride – “on deck” or two rides out – “in the hole”.
- IT IS NOT your responsibility to search for riders if you do not see them in the warmup.
- Do not allow people to gather at the gate and block the entrance.
- Do not allow people on foot in the warm up arena including trainers.
- Make sure the entry way is open and safe for riders to enter and exit.
- All riders must be mounted in the warmup arena
- No lunging is allowed in the warmup arena. Certain venues have lunging areas.
- Let the Show Manager know if any disturbance or mishap occurs in the warmup area or if there is any question that needs to be answered for a rider.

Equipment needed:

- Safety Vest
- Up-to-date Ride Time Sheet / Pen
- Device (watch or phone) with the correct time
- Walkie talkie (depending on venue)

Attributes and Skills needed:

- Ability to read bridle tags from a distance
- Tactful speaking skills, supportive and courteous tone.
- Comfortable with asking people to leave or move.