



GATE KEEPER A – WARM UP AREA / ARENA

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

Job 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 area / 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; use it sparingly but 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 area / 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 during warmup. This may change depending upon venue.
- 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 and Supplies:

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

Attributes and Skills:

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

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