

GATE KEEPER: MAIN RING

The main ring gatekeeper makes sure the correct rider enters the competition arena at the correct show time using the up-to-date show schedule showing all the ride times. You will open and close the gate as riders finish or start their test. You will be in contact with the Show Office if any change or discrepancy and the show office will let you know of any change that occurs during the day (i.e. scratches).

Tasks:

- Once you receive your clipboard with Day Sheet / Ride Times and pen from the office, review the ride times and make sure you know the ride order when you start.
- You will receive changes from the Show Office during the show. • Do not leave your post.
- As the riders approach the ring, greet them and check them off on your schedule, so you know they are there. At any given time, there should be only one rider in the dressage arena, one waiting to go in “on deck” , and one “in the hole”.
- When a test is completed and the salute to the judge is done, you may open the gate and let the next rider in. Wait to close the gate until the finished rider comes through the gate. After the rider in the show arena has finished their final salute, the next rider may warm-up around the perimeter of the arena. This perimeter area may be different depending on the venue.
- IT IS NOT your responsibility to search for the next rider.
- If there is a break, do not allow the next horse to warm-up around the arena. To do so would constitute an unfair advantage to that rider.
- Some shows allow riders in the show arenas during lunch break. Make sure you are in contact with the office before lunch so that you know the rules.

Equipment needed:

- Safety Vest
- Show Ride Times on a clip board with Pen
- Walkie/talkie (depending on venue)

Attributes and Skills needed:

- Ability to read bridle tags from a distance
- Tactful speaking skills, supportive and courteous tone.