

Combined Driving

Presentation/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. Must be able to write quickly and clearly, in sometimes cramped conditions such as the passenger seat of truck, and in small boxes on the score sheet. Driving dressage is slower than ridden dressage so a good introduction into scribing for dressage. Small, legible handwriting is a godsend.

Warm-Up Steward: Manages the dressage warm-up area. Sometimes 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 driving competitors over the sounds of the carriage. Works outdoors. Requires some physical movement.

Gate Steward: Manages the in-gate and allows competitors into the arena. Open and closes the ring. Relays competitor info to judge/announcer as they enter the ring via radio. Often needs a loud, firm voice to be heard by competitors over the carriage noise. Works out of doors and tracks competitor numbers on a clipboard. Requires significant physical movement and bending.

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 (golf cart is used)

Marathon

Marathon Steward: Assists the Technical Delegate and organizer in assuring the course is ready for competition. During the competition fills in at Obstacles where needed. Can perform all marathon volunteer duties.

Section Timer/Section Start and Finish: Located away from main show and outdoors with minimal supervision. Works alone or in pairs. Records start or finish times as competitors pass the start/finish line. No calculations required. Requires some physical movement.

Obstacle Observer/Hold up: Located on the course at a specific obstacle to watch and record the track of the competitor. Requires good eye sight, some movement abilities and paperwork production. Works outdoors and with others. Also can be tasked with stopping competitors on course in the case of a slowdown.

Obstacle Timer: Works outside and with others. Records the amount of time competitors are moving within the obstacle. Requires little physical movement.

Crossing Guard: Manages tight, dangerous or blind spots on the course to keep drivers safe from accidents and moving on the course. Some physical movement required. Often works alone and is outdoors.

Score Runner: Collects scoring sheets and brings them to the scorers. Needs to be able to learn the course from a map and drive a golf cart in any weather without causing damage to the grounds. Often also needs to bring water to obstacle observers while efficiently picking up sheets and getting them to the scorers as fast as possible without disturbing horses, competitors, or spectators.

Cones

Cones Steward: Makes sure the Cone Setters perform their assigned measurements to each set of cones. Reports to officials the course is set and ready to drive. Requires some movement to observe the course. Works outdoors.

Cones Setter: Using a measuring stick bends down to measure the cones for each setting. Also rebuilds the course after knockdowns of balls or Cones. Requires significant physical movement with repeated bending, but no heavy lifting. Works outdoors with others.

Warm-Up Steward: Manages the warm-up area. Manages the vet inspection in carriage in a reserved area of the warm up area and keeps other competitors away from that area. Makes sure that competitors know when they're close to their starting time and gets them out of warm up and to the start 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. Needs a loud, firm voice to be heard by competitors over the carriages. Works out of doors and tracks competitor numbers on a clipboard.

In-Gate Steward: Manages the in-gate and allows drivers into the competition area. Relays competitor info to judge/announcer as they enter the ring via radio. Often needs a loud, firm voice to be heard by competitors over the carriages. Works out of doors and tracks competitor numbers on a clipboard.

Timer: Times each driver on course even if automatic timers are available. Able to use a stopwatch proficiently. Likely to work under cover. Gives the time to the judge and scribe. Does not require much physical movement.

Cones Scribe: Writes down scores and comments made by the judge during the cones competition. Must be able to write quickly and clearly, in sometimes cramped conditions such as a tent or vehicle. Small, legible handwriting is a godsend. Minimum movement required.

Other Volunteer Positions:

Safety Check : Requires an experience driver knowledgeable in the correct and safe attachment of harness and the carriage to the horse. High responsibility to make correct judgement on safety and fairness. Requires physical abilities and works outside likely alone.

Carriage measurement : Bends down to measure each carriage after dressage and sometimes during the marathon and cones competitions to determine the correct setting for cones and compliance with the rules. May work alone or in pairs. Significant physical bending required.

Barn Manager: Organizes the entrance and exit of horses before during and after the competition. Assigns stalls, parking and polices the parking of vehicles, location of equipment and compliance with barn safety rules.

Repair Crew: Roving vehicle to travel during the competition to assist when any part of the course is damaged and needs repair. Requires technical experience in building and rebuilding the course. Physically demanding and outside work with others.

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 driver 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 active awards ceremony or in the show office. Also keep track of who picked up which ribbons and write names on the backs of ones that are not 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.

Office Help: During the competition assists the office manager handing out competitor's packets, numbers and answers questions and solves problems. Minimal physical requirements but requires organized person who can handle challenging situations with a smile!