

RING STEWARD

Hey there, thanks for helping out!

We can't put on shows without all our wonderful volunteers.

The Ring Steward is basically an assistant to the judge.

Duties include:

- You will help the judge organize the riders and tell them where to line up.
 - Usually down the center of the arena facing the main audience.
- If there is no announcer: when directed by the judge, you may be asked to announce to the riders what to do in the arena: Walk, jog, lope, reverse.
- There are also hand signals for these so you can easily communicate with the announcer if there are no walkie-talkies set up
 - Walk: palm down hand flat, hand back and forth like your smoothing out sand
 - Jog or trot: fist shake up and down like the beat of a trot
 - Lope or canter: hand flat, palm always down and move hand like it's swooping up and down like on a roller coaster
 - Line up facing ring steward: hold both arms straight out from your sides, like a cross, in the middle of the arena and face away from the main audience, the riders will ride up and face you
- Take the judges score sheet to the announcer
- You may also be asked to write down judges comments (scribe) if you're willing. Very few judges request this. If you're not comfortable we can find another volunteer to handle the scribe duties if needed.

What you should never do as a Ring Steward

- Talk to the judge about your child or any other child
- Give your opinion on a rider
- Ask the judge questions about the classes
- Point out your kid
- Write down anything on the score sheet the judge hasn't told you to write if scribing
- Point out rider performance or mistakes to the judge
- Make comments about any of the riders in the ring

This is a fantastic place to watch the classes, you can also learn a lot listening to the judges comments and decisions.

