

Gate Steward

The Gate Steward is responsible for maintaining a constant and orderly flow of dogs and handlers into and out of the ring. This job is one of the most important in ensuring a smooth running trial.

1. Post the gate sheets/running order on the easel.
2. At the beginning of each class, check that all dogs have been checked in. If there is any dog that hasn't been checked in, try to find out if that dog is really absent or just not checked in.
3. If there are any changes in the running order, tell the scribe so the scribe sheets can be re-ordered.
4. Using the posted running order, call out the names of handlers and dogs to make sure they are present and aware of when they will be going into the ring.
 - Have the next 3-4 dogs ready to go
 - Find out from the judge at which obstacle you can send the next dog to the start line and write it on the posted running order to remind the handlers.
 - Have the next dog on the starting line ready to go at the obstacle indicated by the judge.
 - When the dog enters the ring, inform the scribe of the dog's name.
5. Make sure that all dogs run in order. In the case of a conflict, scratch, or a dog running out of order, ensure the scribe is aware of the change.
6. Inform the ring crew when it is time to change jump heights and what height they are being changed to. When the last dog of a jump height goes to the start line, call out "**Last dog at this height**". When that dog finishes the course call out "**Jumps to 16 inches**" (or whatever the next height is).
7. Inform the ring crew when the running order changes from Performance to Championship or vice versa.