



Dressage at Devon
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Volunteer Job Description **Gate at A Steward**

Overview: In view of spectators, perhaps on tv, the Gate at A Stewards control entry into and out of the dressage arena during CDI classes. Yes- you will be ringside for all rides in your shift!

What Will I Do?

- Open competition arena board at letter A after a riders' final halt salute.
- Close board at letter A after next riders' initial halt salute.
- Work with a partner in tandem to guarantee board is level, movement is swift, yet minimal.
- Present yourself in a professional, conservative manner. (Including dress and behavior)

Requirements:

- Comfortable working in high stress environment.
- Maintain a relaxed demeanor around horses/riders.
- Remain focused and watch for que to open gate - no prompt but the rider's salute.
- Capable of lifting, bending, walking in coordination with partner.
- Must be able to work outdoors regardless of weather conditions.
- Remain at location during all rides for entire class - no breaks outside of breaks in competition.
- Must be dressed professionally and conservatively, some of these classes are televised. Please dress in Dressage at Devon Colors (black and red) if possible, and in layers appropriate for a variety of weather conditions.

Work Environment: Crowds can be large, and the rides televised and may be performed under the lights. This is a high stress moment and Gate at A Stewards help ensure a calm and orderly transition. The work is outdoors and subject to weather - but the show goes on! Volunteers remain within the ring on a bench unless opening/closing gate.

Department: Show Volunteers - Jayne Hensch

Location: Report to Volunteer Room under East 3 Grandstand

Time Commitment: 4-6 hour shift, dependent on length of classes and timing of competition breaks/delays. (varies as show progresses)