



Dressage at Devon
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Volunteer Job Description Gate at A Steward

Overview: Gate at A Stewards control entry into and out of the dressage arena during the prestigious CDI classes. Simple as that sounds, it is important that the team moves in unison and times movements to ensure horse/rider are not spooked or distracted during this critical time. You will be ringside for all rides in your shift - regardless of weather conditions - and may be on camera before an international audience. Volunteer Teams require prior experience and high level of professionalism.

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, return to bench.
- 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 cue 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. Please dress in Dressage at Devon Colors (black and red) and in layers appropriate for a variety of weather conditions.
- Review instructional video and be able to perform duties at highest professional level.

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.

Department: Competition Support - Jayne Hench

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)