

RING STEWARD

Below are the rules concerning your responsibility at APHA shows. Please read carefully.

** Make note that show management must provide a competent scribe for any judge if he or she requests one when signing a contract.

Rule SC-135:

- A. A competent ring steward will be required at all approved shows. Any reputable person may act in the capacity of ring steward who can furnish proof that he is capable through ability or experience and is familiar with the APHA rules.
- B. A good ring steward makes the work of the judge much easier by relieving the judge of unnecessary details. If the class is too large, the ring steward will inform the judge of the size of the incoming class so the judge may divide the class if he wishes to do so. By assembling the class promptly, he will be able to keep the judging program on schedule and eliminate long delays between classes.
- C. The ring steward will notify the judge when all horses are present for each class and call his attention to those horses which are absent. This information will be placed on the record which the steward marks after each class has been judged.
- D. The ring steward(s) must have in mind that they have been selected to help the judge--not advise him. Steward shall carefully refrain from discussing or seeming to discuss the horses or exhibitors with the judge. Stewards shall not take part, or seem to take part, in any of the judging. When steward is not actively engaged in his duties, steward shall place themselves in such a position so as not to interfere with the judging and the view of the spectators. Steward must not allow the exhibitors to crowd up in the ring or arena and should, at all times, endeavor to keep the possibilities of an accident at a minimum.
- E. The ring steward has charge of the activity in the ring or the arena. The ring Steward shall act as mediator between the judge and the exhibitor. The judge should request the steward to move and place horses as he advises. When the ring or arena size is small and the class entries are large, steward should survey the situation and take every precaution to keep the horses moving until the judge is ready for them to be judged. Steward has the authority to ask an exhibitor to remove his/her horse for the safety of other horses or the spectators or remove an exhibitor for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- F. It is important that the ring steward be familiar with the procedure of sifting, when the classes are large and the judge requests that he/she line them up for the first sift, the second sift, and so on, until the judge has his class ready.
- G. The ring steward shall assist in arranging the class winners the same in every class. The public has a right to know how the various horses placed. Example 1st through 7th or 7th through 1st.
- H. When the judge has completed the judging of halter classes of one sex division, then the steward shall call all first and second place class winners into the ring. Steward shall assemble the first place class winners in one line and the second place class winners in another.