



Area A Horse Show Advisory Committee



HORSE SHOW DRESSAGE SCRIBE

Basic Function

To keep the Dressage Show running smoothly; serve as a liaison between the exhibitors and judge.

Specific Responsibilities

- Be familiar with the Dressage rules and etiquette
- Introduce yourself to the judge, gate steward, and announcer
- Do not allow exhibitors to approach the judge while in the ring
- Do not talk to the judge unless spoken to- you do not want to say anything to influence the judge positively or negatively
- Do not repeat any comments made by the judge
- Limit conversation with the exhibitors to ring instructions only, and only instructions that the judge has directed you to give
- Make the effort to be familiar with each dressage test and each movement. Along with knowing the tests, also memorize the abbreviations for certain words
- If score sheets have not been pre-labeled, you may need to fill in the exhibitor's information
- Find out how the judge likes to dictate comments. Some will give comments first, and then the score- some the other way around. Make sure you understand how the judges will indicate a transition to the next movement.
- During the test, neatly write down everything the judges says relative to each movement. This way judges can keep their eyes on the competitors at all times. Some judges have quite a few comments, and you need to keep up and have enough space. Remember, these remarks are for the benefit of the exhibitors. Do not leave any out.

- Try not to get distracted by watching the competitor and forget to record the information
- If an exhibitor scratches, write the word “scratch” on the face of the test for that exhibitor
- After the test is over, turn the score sheet over to the judge to sign. Keep completed score sheets (including scratches) in a stack to turn them over to the scoring personnel.
- If you are also doing the scoring, refer to the Florida 4-H Horse Show rule book for instructions on scoring and breaking ties.