

STEWARDS

So you are interested in becoming an official



Manitoba
Horse Council

What Is the Purpose of a Steward

To Help, Prevent and Intervene

Stewarding is the supervision at events by licenced and trained individuals to protect the welfare of the horse and rider and promote fair play.

Stewards Duties

- Supervising Warm-up ring, Schooling and Lunging areas
- Interpret rules for Competitors/Show Management & Judges
- Monitor Stables
- If applicable -assist Equine Medication Control
- Tack control – legal/illegal tack
- Filling in forms/documenting incidents

STEWARDS HELP

Competitors and their horses achieve
the best possible result by ensuring fair play
and upholding horse welfare.

PREVENT PROBLEMS

- Monitoring the barns for welfare issues
- Being available in warm-up area/ringside to clarify rules

INTERVENE WHEN

- A competitor is breaking a rule
- A horse is being abused
- A judge requests assistance with an issue
- A competitor wants to speak with another official such as a judge

Qualities of a Steward

- Horsemanship – experience with horses/care
- Knowledge of sport
- Knowledge of the current Rules
- Ability to make rapid and appropriate decisions

- To work with other officials – you must have
 - Interpersonal skills
 - Clear Communication skills

- Be fit to officiate
 - Stand for two hours + at a time
 - Walk many kms during the show day
 - Work long hours in outdoors in harsh conditions
 - Able to get out of the way of a 1000 lb. horse

- Be diplomatic, fair, courteous, patient, positive, polite, and firm but compassionate.

- Have the knowledge to access resources and to provide answers

And...
Perform Duties with
Integrity

Chair of MHC Officials Committee Susan Adey



- FEI Level 2 Jumping
 - EC Senior National Steward
 - EC Senior Dressage Steward
- Host of The Stewards Hub website
www.stewardshub.ca

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