

# So you are interested in becoming an Eventing Official

Ground Jury

Technical Delegate

Dressage Judge, Jumping Test Judge

Cross Country Course Designer, Jumping Course Designer

Steward



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# Technical Delegate

Oversees all aspects of the Event, usually 2 or 3 days ahead, in conjunction with designers and organizers

- Physically checks the XC course, ensures all obstacles match the parameters for each division; fence dimensions; course distances; flagging; securing portables; general safety; start and finish, etc.
- Checks dressage area; number of rings; letters; judges site, etc,
- Checks Stadium; layout; fence dimensions; combination distances; length of course, start and finish, etc
- Checks Warm up areas and equipment, routes from place to place
- Checks Stabling; Office sites; Canteen; Porta Potties
- Timetable for each phase, list of personnel for each phase
- Make sure everything is ready for the “games to begin”

# Technical Delegate

On the day(s)

Turn responsibility over to the Ground Jury just before competition starts

- There to advise and help GJ
- Answer inquiries or handle protests
- Prep the Jump judges, check with them during XC
- Travel around to check changes between divisions
- Check scoreboard between phases
- Guide the Medics

# General Comments 1

- TD is there to help the organizers and other officials present the competition
- TD works closely with the Course Designers. (Team Work)
- TD is a representative for the riders and is there to make sure everything is safe and follows the rules
- TD is a mediator, intermediary between competitor and competition
- TD can ask for modifications, before the competition begins
- TD usually takes judges/GJ for a XC inspection before the course is open for walking
- TD IS NOT GOD



# General Comments 2

- It is helpful for a TD to go to a competition site several weeks before the event to see how things are progressing. Only possible if distance is not an issue!
- At larger competitions there may be a second TD or a knowledgeable assistant. Good way to learn the trade!
- Overall the role of TD is a team role. TD **can** close down a competition ahead of time, if they are not satisfied, but this rarely happens. During a competition it could be closed if weather dictates (Storm) but rarely happens. In any case the TD would advise, organizers, officials, competitors and discussion would ensue

# Give it a shot

- If conditions allow in 2021, take the opportunity to volunteer at any show to help in any capacity. The more you know about the working of any discipline, the easier it is to get into any of this
- Ask organizers and their officials if you can come and help. Who would say no to that!
- You do not have to be a competitor to be an official. There are many ways of getting the experience necessary. It is not easy, there are hoops to jump through, but it is worth it and the existing Officials in Manitoba want to help



# Other Officials

- Ground Jury or equivalent, usually made up from the Jumper and Dressage judges
- XC Course Designer, EC or FEI accredited
- Jumping Course Designer, Recommended EC accredited, often XC designer
- Dressage Judges can be any EC or FEI accredited Dressage Judge
- Jumping Judge, EC or FEI accredited
- Stewards, EC or FEI accredited

# Gerri Sweet

Became a TD in early '90s because there were none in Manitoba

Competed to the Pre-Training level

Was a volunteer for Eventing for Pan Am '99

Steward for other disciplines

Eventing still her favorite

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