

# Ring Steward 101

**DR126.1i(3) Schooling and warm-up arenas MUST be monitored by stewards starting at least 30 minutes before the first scheduled ride.**

Ring Stewards are there to assist the rider not “baby sit” them. Riders should check in with the steward when they arrive at the arena. The steward will put a check mark next to the horse’s number and when the Rider goes into the arena, will put a line thru the check. The ring steward is the only person who knows that a ride was done. The steward is not required to run down the rider to get them into the ring. **It is the rider’s responsibility to get to the ring on time.**

**DR120..1.1 At any time while mounted on the competition grounds all riders MUST wear protective headgear.** The chin strap MUST be properly adjusted and attached at all times while mounted. The rider MUST get off the horse until the headgear is properly attached.

## **Schooling around the ring**

Rider is not allowed to ride around the show ring until both judge and scribe are seated in the judge’s box. ( This is considered extra schooling and all riders have to have the same opportunities.) Even if it is the rider’s ride time they MUST not school until judge and scribe are seated.

## **ABUSE (anything that makes you “take back”**

Excessive whipping, kicking and pulling on the horse’s mouth is considered abuse and MUST be stopped. If the Technical Delegate is not readily available the ring steward has the authority to stop it. Approach the rider in a polite manner and request the abuse be stopped and then call the technical delegate to report it.

## **Dangerous Riding or Mis-behaving Horse**

Approach the rider in a polite manner and ask that the horse be put under control or leave the ring until the horse has calmed down. Dangerous riding is any acts that cause safety issues with other riders. They MUST be asked to leave the ring. Call the TD and report it.

## **Safety Concerns**

**DR120..1.3.2 When the only warm – up available is open to all horses, riders with safety concerns are encouraged to wear an orange vest.** (This will alert the other riders to stay clear of this horse and rider )

## **Emergency Protocol Plan**

Familiarize yourself with the Emergency Protocol Plan, so if there is an accident you know what to do.

## **Dressage Attire and Equipment Booklet**

<http://www.usef.org/documents/Competitions/2013/2013/DressageEquipmentBooklet.pdf>

## **Saddlery and Equipment**

**DR121.20** Driving or long lining is prohibited in warm - up arenas.

**DR121.19** A lunge line **MUST** attach **ONLY** to the Snaffle bit of the bridle, halter or cavesson and go directly to the hand of the lunger.

**DR121.19** Lungeing is **NOT** permitted with a double bridle and the lunge line cannot be attached to the bridoon bit of the double bridle.

**DR121.4** Running martingates **MUST** be free to slide on the reins. The rings, through which the reins slide , **MAY NOT** be connected to a neck strap.

**DR121.8** Ear bonnets ( Fly hoods) are permitted for all classes...indoors or out. The ear bonnet should be discreet in color and design and should not cover the horse's eyes...Logos in compliance with **DR121** and manufacturer's logos are permitted.

**DR121.16** While in the competition ring and during awards ceremonies, a logo or name may appear on either or both sides of a saddle cloth in an area not exceeding 200cm<sup>2</sup> (26.632 sq.inches) Only the following logos or names are permitted:

Breed logos ( for horses registered with that breed )

A national flag ( for citizens of that country )

USEF or USDF names/logos.

Professionals may have a business or product name/logo of their official sponsor.

Amateurs **may NOT** have a business or product name/logo unless they own the business.

Competition award pads and stable name pads are permitted.

No other advertisement or publicity is permitted on saddle cloths of horses.

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