

HOW TO BE A “RUNNER” FOR SCORE SHEETS AT A DRESSAGE HORSE SHOW

This is a fun volunteer job, and anyone can do it who can follow the following directions and walk. Children as young as 6 or 7, with an adult keeping an eye on them, can do it and do it well!

Every horse that comes into a dressage ring for a test, halts, and the rider salutes the Judge who stands to acknowledge them. The test is graded by the Judge, who can be in a booth at one end of the ring or even sitting in their car. The Judge has a person, called a Scribe, sitting near them who takes down the Judge's score for each movement of the test and his or her comments about it. At the end of each test, the rider stops the horse and salutes the Judge. The Judge stands and acknowledges the rider's salute. That horse and rider leave the ring.

At the end of the test, as the rider has halted and saluted, the Runner walks toward the Scribe, waits patiently beside them while the Judge makes extra comments on the Score Sheet, which is then handed to the Scribe. While the Judge is making the extra comments, the next rider is walking around the ring past the Judge and Scribe.

The Judge hands the Score Sheet to the Scribe. The Scribe hands the Score Sheet to the Runner, who then walks it to the Scorers. They may just hand it to a Scorer or place it in a box near them. The Scorers then score the numbers on the sheet.

The results of these Score Sheets can, in some cases, be posted on line for riders to see. Other times, Score Sheets may be allowed to be picked up by the riders.

The Runner can just wait till the next ride is completed, and then continue to get Score Sheets from the Scribe.