



PRESENTED BY MARS Equestrian

2026

Crowd Control/Road Crossings

Thank you so much for being amazing volunteers! You are ambassadors for the sport of Eventing. For many of the spectators, you will be their only contact with officials on Cross-Country Day. Please be polite and remember you are there to keep our visitors and competitors, horses and humans, safe! Here to help keep everyone safe on course.

Chief Steward: **Caroline Greathouse - 502.802.6885**

Schedule:

- Arrive at Alltech Arena by 6:45am
 - Park in Worker/Volunteer Parking by Alltech
 - Gather in front of Alltech North Exhibit Hall (side closest to the Start Box)
 - Maps and Radios will be distributed
 - Following Final Briefing – make your way to your crossing

DUTIES

Start of Shift:

- Check in with Chief Steward & on Eventing Volunteers VIP App
- Open your crossing - keep the galloping lane **CLOSED** to any traffic by putting ropes on the corresponding stake. There are separate-colored discs for 4* (light blue) and 5* (dark blue).
- Respond promptly to Control Radio check prior to start of competition

During Competition:

- Mounted Stewards will whistle when a horse is approaching
 - ONE whistle – horse is heading “out”
 - TWO whistles – horse is coming “back”
 - Pete’s Hollow is the “turnaround” fence
 - You will be briefed which direction horses will be traveling through your crossing
 - If you are having trouble hearing the whistle, politely communicate with the Mounted Stewards to allow for clearer alert
- When you hear the whistle
 - Close your crossing to stop ALL traffic
 - Err on the side of caution, it is always better to close them early
 - The crowd does not always move quickly – Politely ask crowd to clear the course for on coming horse
 - Typically, competitors are started on intervals of
 - 4* - 3 minutes
 - 5* - 4 to 5 minutes
- Fall of Spectator in Galloping Lane
 - Contact Area Leader Immediately
 - Message MUST include:
 - Crossing number
 - Situation briefly detailed
 - Medical Required or Not
- When Crossing is CLOSED
 - **DO NOT** allow any spectator to enter the crossing for any reason.
 - Remain standing until horse and rider have passed through your designated area This will be longer for those at the Defender Head of the Lake and Nina Bonnie Blvd.
 - Riders may run extremely close to the ropes, please encourage the crowd to stay back from the ropes by at least 1’ to 2’.
 - UMBRELLAS & DOGS



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- Please ask spectators to close umbrellas while crossing is closed
 - Dogs must be on NON-Retractable leashes and must not interfere with the competitor
- Authorized Personnel on Course
 - TDs
 - Medical Staff and Emergency Vehicles (including but not limited to: Gator, Polaris, mini white truck, ambulance, etc)
 - Course Repair
 - EXCEPTION: On coming horse and rider ALWAYS have right of way – DO NOT allow any person or vehicle to cross path of on coming horse.
- When Crossing is OPEN
 - Remain at your Crossing – if you need a restroom break, DO NOT LEAVE your position until you have someone to cover
 - Stay aware of the flow of competition and listen the whistles
- Special Circumstances
 - **NEVER** stop a horse on course
 - If mounted competitor asks for assistance direct them to the nearest fence judge
 - HOLD ON COURSE
 - ALL CROSSINGS MUST BE CLOSED
 - You will be advised by your chief when you may re-open
 - ONLY OFFICIALS are permitted within any restricted area
 - Maintain Crowd Control – particularly if you are near incident or any held horse
 - DO NOT speak to any press/spectators regarding the reason for the hold, the status of horse, rider nor incident
- Close of Competition
 - 4*
 - Remain at your Crossing until given All Clear from your Chief Steward
 - Remain in your area for lunch – shuttles are available for restroom if needed
 - 5*
 - Remain at your Crossing until given All Clear from your Chief Steward
 - Shuttles will be available to return to Alltech Area
 - All radios must be returned and signed off at end of shift
 - Reception at Alltech 45 minutes after end of competition
- Cell Phones
 - No texting or cell phone usage except to call your Area Leader or your Chief Steward
 - No posting on social media during the competition
- Radios
 - Radios will be set to proper channel – DO NOT CHANGE
 - Keep volume low – the crowd is ALWAYS listening
 - Battery – let Area Leader know if battery is running low
- Attire
 - Khaki Pants
 - Volunteer Shirt and Hat
 - Be weather aware and dress/bring layers
 - KY in April can be any or all seasons
 - Wear what you need to be warm and dry
 - Please keep Credential and Hat visible

Thank you for volunteering at the Kentucky 3-Day Event, The Best Weekend All Year!!!