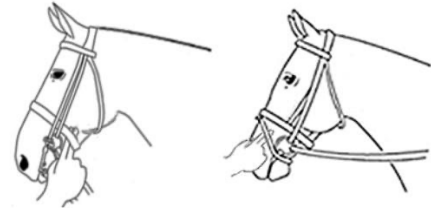


Gate Stewards are required for licensed competitions and championship shows. The **Gate Steward** may also be required to cover **Paddock Steward** duties at licensed shows.

The **Gate Steward**:

- Coordinates competitors' entrance into the arena based on entry order, ensuring that competitors enter the arena at the appropriate time.
- Inspects the condition of the horse before and after every trial for evidence of blood. Informs the Judge and Technical Delegate immediately if blood is detected on the horse. Clean, white towels (cloth or paper) should be available to verify if blood is present.
- Must be familiar with tack and equipment allowances (Rulebook 1.9). The responsibility for correct tack, attire, and equipment rests with the competitor; however, the **Gate Steward** may inspect bits, cavessons/nosebands, curb chains, fly bonnets, or whips. If there is any question regarding acceptability, the Technical Delegate must be consulted.

Any cavesson/noseband must be adjusted to allow room for at least two fingers placed vertically under the noseband on the side of the face below the cheekbone. Cavesson tightness is measured on the side of the face below the cheekbone. Flash noseband tightness is measured on the side of the nasal bones.



Competitors with inappropriate equipment or tack should be given the opportunity to correct the deficiency, placing them at the end of the scheduled ride order.

- Must contact the TD if there is any question about a rule or doubt about the acceptance of tack or equipment.