Parent Volunteers General Positions & Eventing, Show Jumping & Dressage Positions

*All volunteers will be given more specific details about their assigned positions at the competition.

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Job Title	Abilities & Skills-Sets Needed	Job Duties	<u>Time</u> Commitment	
Chaperone	 Comfortable being in charge of the team & meeting their needs before, during & after each competition day Awareness of food allergies/special needs & ability to advocate for these children as needed 	Chaperones can find the rules & guidelines for chaperones on the USPC website under Guidelines for Chaperones *Quiz Chaperones Quiz chaperones may need to escort teams with very young members from the "stalls" to the various rooms for the duration of the competition. *Mounted Rally Chaperones Chaperones for a mounted rally are expected to stay outside the barns and are the only people permitted into the Neutral Zone. Chaperones may want to bring a notebook & pens for riders to use for communication/notes left in the Neutral Zone. Chaperones can drop off additional water/food, other needs for their team members in the Neutral Zone.	duration of the event	
Hospitality	Attention to detailMay require driving a golf cart	 Make sure competitors, Horse Management & other officials have access to water at all times Deliver food/snacks as needed 	varied, times may be broken up by AM & PM, phases, days, etc	
Set-Up/Tear Down Crew	 Manual labor Ability to spend long periods of time standing Bending/Heavy Lifting required 	 Follow the directions of the Organizer for the arena/area May be expected to help set up dressage arenas, show jumping courses, warm-up arenas, games, tables for Quiz, or set up equipment needed in the arena/area for any other Pony Club Discipline. 	usually less than 1 hour	
Warm-up Ring Steward	 Organization – clipboard, pens and a list of rider order of go Loud voice to call out rider numbers across a crowded arena Ability to stand for long periods of time Ability to pleasantly, but firmly tell riders, parents & coaches what to do 	 Responsible for making sure riders have checked in upon arriving at the warm-up arena Letting riders know the order of go: who is "on deck" (next) and "in the hole" (next of next) Sending riders to the in gate to keep the show flowing in a timely fashion Making sure the arena does not become too crowded (riders may be asked to wait to enter the warm-up arena until X # of riders ahead). The Warm-Up Arena Steward will have a clipboard with the order of go, and a pen to check off riders as they get sent to the in-gate. 	varied, usually at least the duration of a division	

Gate Keeper	 Ability to Open/Close a Gate Ability to spend long periods of time standing May require bending/lifting May require use of radio 	 The Gate Keepers will be in charge of opening and closing the gates at the beginning and end of each class or jumper round to allow riders into/out of the arena May be required to communicate with Announcer/Judge via radio 	varied by rally, usually for at least one entire division
Judge's Runner	Mobility (Runner will be walking back and forth to the Secretary's Booth or using a golf cart depending upon the size of show/grounds)	 Go to the ring as often as the show secretary would like and pick up the completed scorecard from the Judge's Scribe and take it to the Show Secretary to be entered. Inform the Judge of any additions/scratches or changes in a class/division 	varied, usually at least the duration of a division
Jump Timer	Ability to use a stopwatchRingside view of all ridersSeated jobMay need to use radio	 Time from start to finish on a course (horse's chest crosses the line) Stand/sit by the start/finish line May need to radio in the times 	varied, usually at least the duration of a division
Jump Crew	 Manual Labor (picking up knocked down poles/jump materials) Bending/Heavy Lifting required Ability to move quickly Ringside view of all riders 	Watch all the jumping rounds and make sure if a rail gets knocked down that it is put back up ASAP without startling the horse jumping.	varied, usually at least the duration of a division
Turnout Inspection Scribe	Note taking skillsTakes notes while standing	Takes notes from judge performing turnout inspections *This is a great way to learn more about how the inspections are done.	varied, usually at least the duration of a division
Turnout Inspection Steward/Timer	 Note taking skills Ability to watch the time/record accurately Seated job 	Checks in each rider to insure that they have arrived on time even if the judge is not ready for them. *This is a great way to get to see and meet all of the riders.	varied, usually at least the duration of a division
Poop Crew	 Poop scooping Ability to handle a pitchfork & muck bucket Bending/Heavy lifting required 	Clean up all manure between riders/divisions (whenever you can get into the arena without disturbing the flow of the show) left in the arenas & walkways between arenas	varied, usually at least the duration of a division
Clean-Up Crew	OrganizationManual Labor	 Working throughout the day, keeping the grounds clean & organized. Put all equipment away at the end of the day 	varied, usually 1-2 hours at the

	Bending/Heavy lifting required		end of the event
Parking Monitor	Ability to direct traffic Comfy chair to sit in between rushes	 Find out where trailers/cars will be parked from the Show Organizer Direct traffic to specified locations Park cars/trailers as efficiently as possible May need to help guide trailers into spots 	varied, usually 1-2 hours at the start of the event (once you get the first groups of cars/trailers parked, most people are good at following suit)
Cross Country Jump Monitor	 Note-taking skills – pen, clipboard, order of go list & Jump Sheets (all materials supplied by Organizer) Ability to attend a cross-country briefing (will explain all you need to know for this job) Basic understanding of discipline rules & faults 	 Sit next to an assigned cross country jump for the duration of the division(s). Watch each rider as they attempt their obstacle. Attend a briefing that will explain exactly what constitutes a run-out, refusal, etc at a jump based on the rules for that current year. Jump Monitors will make notes on the Jump Sheets (they will be given a Jump Sheet, clipboard, pens, and possibly a radio) as to whether the horses was clear or not over their obstacle. The Cross Country Jump Monitor is expected to read the USEA Guidelines for Cross Country Jump Judges before the Jump Monitor briefing. Can be found on the Pony Club website at http://eventing.ponyclub.org/PDFs/Guidelines%20for%20Cross-Country%20Jump%20Judges.pdf 	varied, usually at least the duration of a division
Master of Ceremonies	 Understanding of ribbon colors/placing order May need to announce winners or may use a separate person to do the announcing May need to set up tables-bending/lifting may be involved 	 Set up awards in designated Awards Ceremony Area Organize & present individual and team ribbons/awards at the end of the competition Knowledge of the event/history/fun facts is helpful to keep the audience engaged during the ceremony 	needed at the end of the competition
Chief Scorer	 Ability to use a computer/printer Attention to detail Basic math skills Knowledge of assessment of 	 Conduct the briefing and practice session for scoring volunteers. Check score sheets for correct number of spaces for rounds, team and competitor names, and proper number of sheets. Change scores in the appropriate boxes, by direction of the judge who assesses inquiries, but do not erase. 	duration of the competition

	points/penalties for the competition	 Use the score sheets from each session to finalize, proofread, calculate penalties, determine ties, break ties via formula, and make final placing of teams/individuals. Post official scores in a timely manner, including time of posting on each sheet. 	
Announcer	 Clear, cadenced voice Basic knowledge of discipline rules & faults Sense of humor Seated job 	Clearly annunciate rider/horse/team names, give directions to riders as needed, communicate faults/points/happenings to the riders/audience	duration of the competition
Judge's Scribe	 Ability to write quickly with legible handwriting Ability to talk softly / hear the judge talking softly Knowledge of basic phase terminology encouraged Seated job 	 The Judge's Scribe will sit next to the judge and take notes for her as she judges the class- must have good hearing as the judge will talk softly so the riders don't hear, and have very neat, small handwriting. Record jump/dressage penalties & scores Record judge's comments 	minimum of partial day (can change when judge has a break), but often for duration of the discipline
Coach	 Solid knowledge of discipline rules Teaching skills Time management skills Patience 	Coaches can find information on rules & guidelines for coaches under USPC Guidelines for Coaches for (insert your discipline) on the USPC website	Duration of the event

Quiz Specific Parent Volunteer Positions

*For more detailed job descriptions see the Quiz Organizer's Guide on the Pony Club website.

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Reader/Scribe	Ability to help competitors who have reading/writing challenges	Help assigned competitor in each phase to read/write one answer sheets	Duration of the competition
Written Test Monitor/Grader	Seated job, may involve some walking around the room during the testing	 Report any unauthorized assistance, inappropriate behavior, or unsportsmanlike conduct to the Stations Coordinator or Technical Delegate Grade written test using an answer key 	30min-1hr at the start of the competition
Barn Steward	 Attention to detail Ability to stand for lengthy periods of time 	 Check each competitor for proper footwear and unauthorized jewelry. Check each competitor for his/her Pony Club pin, which should be worn during competition. Ensure the teams move through the Barn Phase in a timely manner. Keep the Judges on time. 	duration of the phase

Barn Timer/Scorer	 Operate the stopwatch and record on the answer sheet the name of team, section and time of session. Listen carefully during the competition. Must attend volunteer briefing. Seated job 	 Record the question value requested and the question's rating level and number. Record scores on permanent sheet for the correct competitor or team. Call the name and number of next competitor to help keep the order correct. Record if a Jr. D conferred or if there was an inquiry. Recheck calculations at the end of the session, calculate any penalty points, have them proofread, and then post for competitors to check. Make changes only as directed by the Judge or Technical Delegate. Check stopwatch for readiness and function. Must understand rules of timing for competition. Ds have 20 seconds to begin the answer. Cs and up have 15 seconds to begin. Jr. Ds have additional 30 seconds to begin if they request to confer within the first 20 seconds. Team questions: 60 seconds to begin the answer for team questions for all divisions unless otherwise instructed. Give 5-second warning. Work out with the Judge a notification system to indicate when the answer has truly started, otherwise keep the watch running. 	duration of the phase
MegaRoom Judge	Ability to stand for long periods	 Monitor the tables in Megaroom Keep to a time schedule for each table Report any unauthorized assistance, inappropriate behavior, or unsportsmanlike conduct to the Stations Coordinator or Technical Delegate Grade competitor's answer card using an answer key 	duration of the phase
MegaRoom Timer	Ability to operate a stopwatchSeated job	Start timer Give 30 sec warning	
Stations Timer	 Ability to operate a stopwatch Listen carefully during the competition. Must attend volunteer briefing. Seated job 	 Check equipment (clock and stopwatch) for readiness and function. Must understand rules for timing for competition. Give 1-minute warning. Be available to the Technical Delegate for any inquiries. 	duration of the phase
Classroom Timer	 Ability to operate stopwatch Loud voice to call out time warnings Seated job 	 Start/stop watch between the time the judge reads the question & the competitor begins to answer Call out 5 sec warning for competitor to begin answering Work out with the judge a notification system to indicate when the answer has truly started, otherwise keep the watch running. Must understand rules for timing for competition. 	duration of the phase

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		 Cs and up have 15 seconds to begin. Jr. Ds have additional 30 seconds to begin if they request to confer within the first 20 seconds. 	
Classroom Scribe	 Neat handwriting Ability to use a calculator/basic math Seated job Must attend volunteer briefing. 	 Keep track of which question was asked to each competitor (questions are numbered) Assess points awarded by the judge Tally points Listen carefully during the competition. Record the question value requested and the question's rating level and number. Record scores on permanent sheet for the correct competitor or team. 	duration of the phase
Quiz Runner	 Ability to stand/walk for long periods of time Attention to detail 	 Pick up score cards from each room/phase Take score cards to scoring room Make sure ALL scorecards make it to the scoring room in a timely fashion 	varied, AM/PM shifts or duration of the competition
Stations Judge	 Ability to stand for long periods Knowledgeable of Quiz rules. Communicate clearly, in a friendly fashion, the procedures to be used. Read instructions clearly with correct punctuation. 	 Should preview questions and prior to session. Assure that the session proceeds according to the rules. Begin the Station on time. Set the tone and pace for the Station Phase. Must keep to the time schedule and do not allow Station to run over time. Report any unauthorized assistance, inappropriate behavior, or unsportsmanlike conduct to the Stations Coordinator or Technical Delegate 	duration of the phase
Barn Judge	 Very knowledgeable and experienced in all areas of Pony Club (could be a National Examiner, Horse Management Judge, graduate H-A or A, or Pony Club instructor). Familiar with and have current knowledge of all Pony Club references, Standards, and Rules of Rallies. Unflappable, quick to make fair decisions. Familiar with the responsibilities of the other officials 	 Should preview questions prior to session. Set the tone for the atmosphere in the Barn to achieve a fair, friendly competition. Assure that the session proceeds according to rules. Begin Barn stall on time. Report to Technical Delegate any lateness and determine penalty according to scoring rules. Set the tone and pace for the Barn stall. Must keep to the time schedule and do not allow stall to run over time. Report any unauthorized assistance, inappropriate behavior, or unsportsmanlike conduct to the Barn Coordinator or Technical Delegate. 	duration of the phase

•	in the Barn.	
•	Impartial.	
•	Knowledgeable of Quiz	
	rules.	
•	Be able to communicate	
	clearly, in a friendly	
	fashion, the procedures to	
	be used.	
	Be able to read questions	
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	clearly with correct	
	punctuation.	
•	Seated job	

Polocrosse Specific Parent Volunteer Positions

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Timer	Ability to work a stop watchSeated job	Sit in "officials" tent & tell the announcer when a chukka is over	
Goal Keeper	 Enjoy playing catch Ability to raise both arms Basic understanding of what constitutes a goal in polocrosse Ability to spend long periods of time standing Ability to move quickly when recovering a ball 	 Stand behind goal posts & signal umpires if the ball went through the goal or not Chase down the ball and toss back to umpires as needed 	Varied, usually at least the duration of a division
Announcer	 Clear, cadenced voice Basic knowledge of discipline rules & faults Sense of humor Seated job 	Clearly annunciate rider/horse/team names, give directions to riders as needed, communicate faults/points/happenings to the riders/audience <i>Polocrosse Announcer</i> will sit in the "officials" tent and announce the plays of the game- who made a goal, what the score is, who has the ball now, etc.	duration of the competition
Umpire Groom	Comfortable leading horses	Help walk in hand the umpire's horse to cool it out	usually not needed at 1 day rallies
Scorer	 Note taking skills Basic understanding of goals & teams in polocrosse Seated job 	Sit in "officials" tent and mark down when a goal is made & which team made it	

Games Specific Parent Volunteer Positions

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Warm-up Ring Steward	 Organization – clipboard, pens and a list of rider order of go Loud voice to call out to teams across a crowded arena Ability to spend long periods of time standing 	 Safety: Call for an occasional change of direction as riders will be all travelling in the same direction to avoid collisions The Warm-Up Arena Steward will have a clipboard with the order of go, and a pen to check off riders as they get sent to the in-gate. 	varied, usually at least the duration of a division
Equipment Help	 Manual labor May require some bending/heavy lifting No knowledge of equipment necessary 	Help the Equipment Chief put out the equipment needed for each race	varied, usually at least the duration of a division
Line Judge	Basic understanding of the rules of games *easy to learn what is needed	 Stands at either line A, B or C and ensures that all riders make their handoffs or next rider goes out behind the appropriate lines Watches across all 4 lanes at once but there will be another judge opposite you on the other side of the line, so you have them to confer with if there is a questionable call. 	varied, usually at least the duration of a division
Turnout Inspection Scribe	Note taking skills	Takes notes from judge performing turnout inspections *This is a great way to learn more about how the inspections are done.	varied, usually at least the duration of a division
Turnout Inspection Steward	Note taking skillsAbility to watch the time/record accurately	Checks in each rider to insure that they have arrived on time even if the judge is not ready for them. *This is a great way to get to see and meet all of the riders.	varied, usually at least the duration of a division
Lane Judge	Basic understanding of the games & their rules	 Stands at the end of 1 particular lane and watches to be sure that the team in that lane completes the race according to the rulebook. If any equipment is dislodged or mistakes are made, you must ensure that they make the corrections according to the rules. Rulebooks are provided by the organizer and there is enough time between each race to read the rules for the upcoming race. *This is a great way to learn the rules yourself. 	varied, usually at least the duration of a division
Announcer	 Clear, cadenced voice Basic knowledge of discipline rules & faults Sense of humor Seated job 	Clearly annunciate rider/horse/team names, give directions to riders as needed, communicate faults/points/happenings to the riders/audience	duration of the competition

Tetrathalon Specific Parent Volunteer Positions

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Range Set-up	Ability to lift & move tables/chairs	Place target holders, tables & chairs for competitors	duration of the phase
Target Placer/Retriever (2-4 volunteers)	Ability to spend long periods of time standingDetail orientedFocused	Make sure the correct targets get hung for the correct competitor Hang/retrieve targets	duration of the phase
Gun Mover	No experience necessaryExcellent ringside view	 Move guns to range Oversee competitors getting/putting away their guns	duration of the phase
Range Steward	Comfortable around gunsKnowledge of guns/safetyAggressive about safety	 Handles all timing for the range Oversees range volunteers / activities 	duration of the phase
Swimming Timer (2 per lane + 1 overall Timer)	 Ability to run a stopwatch Ability to write legibly on an index card Focus- must count laps 	 Time & record a competitor's time on a heat-lane card Start button depressed at the start signal Watch stopped when any part of the competitor's body touches the wall at the completion of the final length 2 Timer's times recorded to the nearest hundredth of a second & written on the swimmer's heat-lane card Do not clear watches until the Starter/Referee says so in case of a timing problem *2 spare watches started in case of watch malfunctions (if malfunction hold up faulty watch- spare timer steps in) 	duration of the phase
Swimming Starter	 Comfortable with starting signal & usage May need to use megaphone 	Starter will always ask "are Timers ready?" to signal all timers to "clear"/"return to zero" watches for the start of the next heat before putting swimmer on blocks	duration of the phase
Swim Turn Judge	Attention to detail	Make sure swimmers touch the wall in their turn in the lane	duration of the phase
Swim Scorer	Attention to detailUse of calculatorSeated job	Average times between two Timers for each competitor	duration of the phase
Swim Clerk of Course	Excellent organization skillsEfficient	 Organize heats / keeps the "flow" of the event Give each swimmer the index card with their name on it See to it that all swimmers are lined up and ready to swim after previous heat 	duration of the phase
Running Steward	Excellent organization skillsEfficient	 Conduct a Timer training at start of event Mark/check course 	duration of the phase

Running Spotter	Impartial & Honest	If the whole course cannot be seen, the spotter makes sure the competitors have run the full course	duration of the phase
Running Starter	Excellent organization skills Efficient	 Lines up runners in numerical order Tells Timers to start watches- check all watches are running Runner #1 starts at 1 min Give runners 1 min countdown (30, 15, 10, 5-4-3-2-1-go) 	duration of the phase
Running Timers	Ability to use a stopwatch	Time assigned runner(s)	duration of the phase
Running Scribe	Ability to write quickly & legiblySeated job	Writes runner # & records time as runners cross finish line	duration of the phase
Tet Jump Course Set-Up (as many volunteers as possible)	Ability to stand for long periodsHeavy lifting	Set up the jump course under the direct supervision of the Course Designer	duration of the phase
Tet Jump Announcer	Seated job	State the name of each competitor & mount before each round	duration of the phase
Tet Jump Scribe	Seated job	 Assess penalty points Time 60 sec from the start signal (for rider to cross start line) Time any "resistance" on course 	duration of the phase
Tet Jump Arena Warm-up Steward	 Organization – clipboard, pens and a list of rider order of go Loud voice to call out rider numbers across a crowded arena Ability to stand for long periods of time Ability to pleasantly, but firmly tell riders, parents & coaches what to do 	 Responsible for making sure riders have checked in upon arriving at the warm-up arena Letting riders know the order of go: who is "on deck" (next) and "in the hole" (next of next) Sending riders to the in gate to keep the show flowing in a timely fashion Making sure the arena does not become too crowded (riders may be asked to wait to enter the warm-up arena until X # of riders ahead). The Warm-Up Arena Steward will have a clipboard with the order of go, and a pen to check off riders as they get sent to the in-gate. 	duration of the phase
Tet Jump In- Gate	 Ability to stand for long periods Bending/Lifting required Comfortable with using a radio 	Opens/closes in gate for competitors Communicates via radio with announcer	duration of the phase
Tet Jump Timer (2)	Ability to use a stopwatchMay be a seated jobMay need to use a radio	 Time from start to finish on a course (horse's chest crosses the line) Stand/sit by the start/finish line May need to radio in the times 	duration of the phase

Tet Slip Gate Timers (2)	 Ability to use a stopwatch Ability to stand for long periods 	 Stand in line with cones 10' in front of obstacle Timing starts when the horse's chest passes through the cones Time stops when the slip rail is properly replaced or the rope loop is properly replaced over the post If the rider cannot complete the obstacle in 60 seconds, then the Timer tells them to move on to the next obstacle Note rider # & assess 60pt penalty 	varied, at least the duration of a division
Tet Jump Crew	 Ability to stand for long periods Bending/Heavy Lifting required 	 Replace knocked down rails Course changes between divisions under the supervision of the Course Designer 	duration of the phase
Tet Jump Tear Down	Ability to stand for long periodsBending/Heavy Lifting required	Tear down & storage of the course at the end of the phase	needed at the end of the phase
Tet Hospitality	 Attention to detail May need to drive a golf cart Ability to lift water containers 	 Make sure all competitors have access to water for all phases (except swimming) Take care of hospitality for Horse Management & other officials 	varied, may be broken down by phases, AM/PM, day or duration of the event