

Ring Leader

Please arrive at least 20 minutes early at your ring. The Ring Leader has several areas of responsibility as they relate to their ring. These are in order of priority:

- Safety;
- Volunteers;
- Judge; and
- Competitors.

Safety

The Ring Leader will ensure that competitors and spectators around their ring are conducting themselves in a safe manner. This includes keeping the ring entrance and exit areas clear, staying a reasonable distance back from the ring fences when possible and minimizing contact between dogs.

The Ring Leader will ensure that all of the equipment in the ring is in proper and safe working order and that all other ring equipment (fences, umbrellas, chairs etc.) do not present a safety risk to competitors, spectators or volunteers. If questions concerning equipment safety or equipment repair or replacement, the Ring Leader will call for assistance from the Site Manager on their two way radio. If there is a question raised about equipment by a competitor take the concern to the officiating judge.

Volunteers

The Ring Leader will confirm with all of their volunteers that they understand their job and are prepared to perform it. If training or assistance is required, they will provide it. If volunteers are absent, the Ring Leader can request an extra body from volunteer support.

To ensure that the ring volunteer jobs are distributed evenly, the Ring Leader can ask the ring volunteers to rotate positions at each height change or other appropriate interval. This rotation can include the leash runner if appropriate.

The Ring Leader will keep an eye on the volunteers making sure they have adequate shade and water. If a volunteer needs a break or more water is required, the Ring Leader will call for assistance from Volunteer Support on their two way radio. Sunscreen and snacks will be made available to all volunteers outside the ring. Lunch will be available for all volunteers in the Volunteer Hospitality Area.

Judge

The Ring Leader will provide support to the Judge, primarily by providing water or snacks as required. Sunscreen or rain protection will be provided as required.

Competitors

The Ring Leader will hear any concerns of competitors and determine if the issue needs to be raised immediately with the Judge or a designated Committee member. Under no circumstances will a competitor approach a Judge during competition without first consulting with the Ring Leader.

The Ring Leader will also ensure that the electronic timing equipment is removed from the ring and secured at the end of the day.