

NOTICE to SHOW MANAGEMENT

Subject: Scribes

APHA is requesting that all Show Managers make every effort to provide a capable scribe for each judge for all scored events, even if the judge fails to request one on his or her contract.

As a Show Manager, we are sure that you would want your judges to perform to the best of their abilities. Supplying them with a capable scribe will help assure this. The scribes should be selected and prepared in advance of the show. Scribes that are chosen at the last minute may leave doubts in the mind of the judges and the exhibitors as to their ability.

Definition of a capable scribe:

- Required to document in writing the score of penalties and maneuvers
- Must be able to calculate simple mathematics in a rapid manner
- Must have basic organizational skills
- Not required to know or understand the rules related to scoring
- Individual must be mature enough to understand the importance of their position and confidentiality
- Not required to be a full time ring steward

Helpful Hints:

- All scribing should be done in pencil
- Encourage them to focus on the score sheet versus the horse/rider
- Refrain from any unnecessary conversations with the judge
- Refrain from any comments directed at or about the horse/rider being judged
- For additional information, visit <https://www.horseshowjudges.com/resources> for a short Scribing 101 video

If you need suggestions on how to find volunteers to scribe, please contact one of the following:

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