VOLUNTEER ROLES

• Fence Judging
This job is usually done in pairs (sometimes even a team of three). However, if you are volunteering solo there is no reason you shouldn't apply for the position of fence judge – we can always pair you up. Your day will start at the 'Fence Judge Briefing'. This is led by the BE Technical Advisor and BE Steward who will show you the basics such as filling in score sheets and fall report forms, as well as explaining any relevant rules and stopping procedures.
You will be positioned on the cross country course around ½ an hour before the first horse is due to go cross country and, as the classes change, you may move to different fences. Your job is just what is says on the tin, judge how horses are jumping your cross country fence and allocate faults where relevant.
More information on how a competitor may receive faults on the cross country can be found on the 'What is Eventing?' page of our website. Fence judging is an excellent way of getting up close to the action whilst becoming an integral part of the smooth running of an event.

• Scoring Team
The Scorers (up to four or five people with calculators in a quiet location) collate all the scores. They then provide the information to the Chief Scorer who puts it into the computer for the final results. Results are also inputted by the Live Scoring team and will automatically appear on our electronic scoreboards, as well as online. This role is suited to those who would rather stay out of the great British weather but still want to be involved in events.

• Live Scoring Team
As eventing has evolved, so has our technology. We now have 'electronic score boards' (basically, large TV screens) in the secretary's tent. This is where all the scores will show up as and when they are collated. We need a dedicated team whose job is solely to use a very simple computer system to 'input' live scores as they are happening. Usually we would require one person to be in cross country Control, one in the Showjumping judges' box and, if possible, one in the scorer's area. It doesn't matter if you aren't very 'techy', the system is very simple, and training will be given on the day. Our Chief Live Scoring Advisor will also be on-hand to help you with anything.

• Cross Country Start and Finish Team
There are usually up to six members in a Start and Finish team: a Chief Time Keeper, a Start Time Keeper, a Finish Time Keeper, a Recorder and one or more Collecting Ring Stewards. The Chief time keeper, or Starter, has a start clock to count the competitor down and set them on their way. There is communication via radio between this team and the Controller (and Commentator) as to who the next starter is, who has completed the course and what their provisional time and score is. This way Control can keep track of who has started and finished. The cross country start and finish team are key to keeping the event running efficiently and keeping competitors happy.

• Dressage Stewarding and Writing
This job is important as the Dressage starts the day off and so can affect the rest of the day if not started on time. The Dressage Steward generally keeps the order running to the scheduled times

although there are moments when some flexibility is needed. Communication with competitors, other officials, dressage judges and your Chief Steward will be essential in this role. The Writer sits with the Dressage Judge in the car and writes down the comments and marks as the judge gives them. A plea from the riders will be for legible writing. Dressage Writers tend to be people who really enjoy Dressage, and in return you will learn an awful lot from the Judge's viewpoint.

• **Show Jumping Collecting Ring Steward**
The Stewarding role is similar to the Dressage Steward but sometimes the running order can change. Most Stewards use a whiteboard where competitors can put their number down, so they run in order. There can be two or even three people to help manage this arena and keep things running smoothly. Breaks are scheduled in for competitor course walking and for changes to the course between classes. This role will require a confident person, with good organisational and people skills.

• **Main Arena Party**
In this role you will work alongside the course builder to maintain and adjust the show jumps during the competition. It may not be the most glamorous job at an event, but it is a very important one. As there are usually only one or two arenas running, and all competitors have to complete this phase before they go to the cross country, smooth running of the arenas is very important. You will be close to the action, the trade-stands and Secretary's Tent.

If there is a role which isn't listed here which you would like to learn more about please email info@musketeer.co.uk.