

STEWARDS HUB



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Happy Holidays from The Stewards Hub



Susan Adey



Meet the Steward—Frances Cross, United States



FEI Level II Eventing Steward
FEI Level II Dressage Steward
USEF R DTD,
USEF r Event TD
USEF Event Judge

Career Highlights:

- ◆ Became a steward in 2005 and has been a USEF licensed official since early '80s.
- ◆ Organized Horse Trials & Dressage shows from 1983- 2016
- ◆ Chief Steward through out New England & Florida, U.S
- ◆ Member of the stewarding teams for Rolex ,FairHill, JYR Pan American Games, and Omaha World Cup Final

Outstanding Career Highlight: Dressage & Eventing at the World Equestrian Games

Frances still enjoy riding and teaching and currently owns a young Dutch Warmblood that is starting Prix St. George.

Her Mission statement “ I enjoy meeting people from different areas and learning their process. I want to be able to encourage good sportsmanship , while maintaining the welfare of the horse and a equal playing field for all.”

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN
“THE STEWARD HAS A QUESTION” CONTEST IN 2017.



WE PLAN ON HOLDING MORE CONTESTS
ACROSS CANADA IN 2018.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR UPCOMING NOTICES.

*Good Luck
to all
Competitors*

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The Eventing Steward by Frances Cross

Eventing Stewarding is quite similar to other Stewarding. Our goals are the same; Fair Play, Welfare of the horse upheld, ensure rules are followed and no illegal equipment is used by anyone. We do have two additional phases to oversee which are dressage and cross country. For dressage, our bible is the FEI dressage rules, for cross country and show jumping we reference the FEI Jumping rules .

While working with other Jumping Stewards I have learned many simple techniques from them such as taping heights on warm up fences to monitoring the warm-up rings. By doing this a steward starts to develop "the eyes in the back of your head" system, meaning you are aware of everything going on around you. I have also obtained great value in keeping the boot check inspection organized and safe.

Eventing Stewards start out the competition with the same duties of an in-barns walk through and a horse jog inspection. With the jog we ensure that all is set up correctly and keep safety in mind for all participants. Once the competition is underway the draw for order-of-go is held, then a riders meeting.

During the Dressage phase we oversee the equipment on each horse as they leave the arena, check for nose band over-tightening, illegal bits and spurs. Keeping horse welfare in mind, we look for abrasions in the mouth area and on the sides of horse in spur area. Anything abnormal is reported to Ground Jury.

Soon after dressage is completed the competitors are eager to get on to the next phase which requires Stewards supervising Jump schools and gallops. The stewards try to offer several schooling opportunity time slots during the day which the rider signs up for. Again, maintaining the same conditions for all riders which sometimes requires checking the area designated for gallops is safe and adequate . We also confirm and ensure there are enough standards ,rails ,jump cups ,safety cups, and the ensure jump standards are correctly taped. Another duty is to maintain the quality of the footing in warm up ,whether that requires moving fences over so the take-off and landing footing doesn't deteriorate . We often have our schools and warm up on grass and depending on weather conditions, this can be a challenge.

We have the usual rounds in the stables which depending on the number of stewards, may have to be early morning and at the end of the day ,but it is still very important to be visible. The days are long as this comes with the territory in working as a steward.

We do have to prioritize our duties at times, always ensuring that all areas are covered.

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We are now accepting photo submissions for our webpage. The photos will be used as examples of FEI, US Equestrian & Equestrian Canada rules.

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Stewards could not do it this alone!! The other part of the official's team is our Ground Jury, Technical Delegate, and Veterinary group. All are a very important part of the team and working together makes for a successful competition.

I have found there is never a rule to follow for all the situations that arise and having a team I have found there is never a rule to follow for all the situations that arise and having a team to work together is most important in finding a fair solution . We sometimes have to look at the intention of the rules we do have and did anyone gain an unfair advantage, due to the circumstances.

For example, we recently found belly bands being used while schooling. We now have a rule that allows their use while, "Schooling" but not in warm-up. At times we may have a rider exercising a horse in the warm-up ring and schooling for a later ride.

All being said stewarding is already complex but being an Eventing Steward adds more to the responsibility as with the three different phases the rules become very influential in determining the winner.

