

Agility Worker Job Descriptions

Course Builder: As course builder, you are responsible for moving equipment and placing numbers where your Chief Course Builder indicates.

Timer: We have electronic timers so timing is easy. You basically have to watch the time to make sure that the time starts and stops when it is suppose to and read the time to the scribe. In addition, the timer tells the next dog and handler team when to leave the line by politely saying, "Go when ready or some other phrase." Before telling the next dog to go, please make sure the judge is ready (not fixing something) and the bars are all up and no one else is on course. If timer fails and you notice within the first two obstacles of the run and you can easily inform the team running, then do so and start them again. If you don't see the failure until after two obstacles are completed or you cannot easily gain the attention of the handler, say nothing until the end of the run. While the team with the watch failure is still running, ask your Gate Steward to hold the next dog on the line. When the team has finished their run, stop the Judge and tell him or her what has happened. Follow their decision. If there is not an assistant scribe, it is also helpful for the timer to make sure the scribe sheets are in the correct order by listening to the gate steward call out dogs name and make sure that the scribe has the correct scribe sheet.

Scribe: your job is to watch the judge (not the dog or handler) and write down whatever faults he/she signals. There are only 4 signals in NADAC so it is pretty easy to remember the signals. When handlers are walking the course, the scribe works with the gate steward to make sure the scribe sheets are in the correct order and move any multiple dog handlers around.

Assistant Scribe: Be present ringside as the class you are working is walking their course. You sit between your Timer and your Scribe. You are the one who writes down the time on the scribe sheet, you are the one who clears the watch, you are the one who make sure the scribe sheets are in order (check with your Gate Steward for changes) and you are the one who hands the next team's sheet to your Scribe. After a dog has run, the Timer will hand you a watch. At the same time, the Scribe will hand you a clipboard and scribe sheet and you hand them the 2nd clipboard with the next dog's scribe sheet. You then write the time on the sheet handed to you, clear the watch, hand it to your Timer while a dog is running, hand the sheet to your Score Runner and place the next dog's scribe sheet on the now empty clipboard.

Gate Steward: Standing by the Gate Steward board and under a tent, your job is to make sure dogs and handlers are ready at start line. Call out the names of handlers and dogs to make sure they are present and aware of when they will be going into the ring. As the handlers finish walking ask them to check-in and

mark off that they are there. If there are conflicts or changes to the run order inform your Assistant Scribe. As the class runs, have three teams lined up when one is on course. Ask your Judge when he/she would like the next dog on the line and have that team on the line ready to run at that designated spot in the course. Inform your Scribe and/or Assistant Scribe who the dog on the line is. If you are Gate Steward for gamblers, inform your Timer when the dog on the line is a Veteran. Inform the Ring Stewards when there will be a jump height change.

Score Runner: You will need to take the score sheets from Timer or scribe a few at a time and take them to the Score Table.

Leash Runner: You will need to pick up the leash when the team crosses the start line and take it to the finish line before they cross the finish. Please wait until the dog running before moving to pick up the leash. You don't want to interfere or startle the dog while he/she is on the line waiting to run.

Ring Steward: Your job is to pick up knocked bars, straighten weave poles, fix the tunnels if they move and change jump heights. If a bar is knocked during a dog's run, wait until the run is finished to pick it up.

Scorekeeper: We use agility unscrambled for scoring.

Check in: The check-in person is responsible for making sure the dogs that need to be measured get measured. Check-in time is usually a 1/2 hour before judges briefing. We'll give you a packet listing all of the dog and handler teams. Handlers with 8,12 and 16" dogs ONLY need to check in. Dogs jumping 20" do not need to be measured, nor do dogs that have "NADAC card on file" listed. If the handler does not have a Permanent Height Card to show for his/her dog, they will need to go to Measuring ring before Checking-in. What you're job is, is to make sure that all dogs who check in are jumping the correct height and have the correct NADAC numbers are listed on the sheet.