



## ***Forging the future of the Shire Horse in Australia***

### **Stewards' Responsibilities and Obligations at a Show**

1. The ring steward is required to organise exhibitors and their horses in the ring area. They must be able to keep the program moving smoothly and be familiar with the show's rules.
2. The Steward is to assist the Judge where and when required but must not in any way influence the judge's decision.
3. The Steward has charge of the activity in the ring or arena and is to rid the Judge of any unnecessary details.
4. The Steward shall act as a mediator between the Judge and the competitor.
5. If the class is too large, the Steward will inform the Judge of the numbers so that the class may be divided if the Judge so wishes.
6. The Steward should assemble the classes promptly to eliminate long delays and keep the program on schedule.
7. The Steward shall notify the Judge when all horses entered are present and call their attention to the number who are absent. The Steward will ensure that the Judge knows how many horses should be placed.
8. The Ring Steward has the responsibility of checking entries for eligibility, persons and horses for proper attire and equipment, and when required, accuracy of the Registration papers and membership which must be current.
9. Stewards shall not take part, or be seen to take part in any of the judging. When not actively engaged with duties, the Steward should place themselves in such a position as not to interfere with the judging.
10. The Judge can request the steward to move and place horses as they advise.
11. If a competitor is not acting in a sportsmanlike manner the Steward, acting upon a request from the Judge, may ask competitors to leave the judging arena. For the safety of other horses, competitors and spectators, the Judge may also request that a horse leave the arena.
12. After ribbons have been awarded, the Steward should have the place getters circle the ring or arena, possibly at the trot, for the benefit of the spectators.

