



AKITA CLUB OF AMERICA

SHOW COMMITTEE

POSITION OUTLINES

CHIEF RING STEWARD

GENERAL INFORMATION

The chief ring steward is the person who makes all arrangements for stewards at the national. The only event for which they are not responsible is agility, although any volunteers willing to work should be referred to the agility chair. The Chief Ring Steward does not actually need to steward but is responsible for making sure that everyone who does work as a steward understands the responsibilities of the position and applicable AKC rules

NO ONE may steward for a judge if they can possibly be showing under that judge later in the show and for the purposes of the AKC, the entire specialty is regarded as being one event as if it all took place on one day even though it doesn't. This applies to their dog...so if they have a BOB dog with a handler, they can't steward for the BOB judge in juniors unless that event is after BOB

First, coordinate with the obedience chair to see if they need help with stewards. They may prefer doing this themselves, and if so, fine, but you will need the names of their stewards for the catalog

Each event needs at least two stewards...one for the inside and one for the outside. If you are not stewarding, then you can fill in where you might be needed or provide extra help. If the entry is large, you can also use a third steward or you can work yourself to keep the ready-ring in order. For BOB, you will need three as well as yourself

The stewards are invited to lunch with the judges for the day as guests of the club, but you will need to supply the Show Chair with a count and their names for each day

You need to be familiar with all aspects of the Rules regarding ring stewarding—especially those pertaining to dogs entered in two events, like veterans and BOB and what happens if they don't win, measurements, and the order of judging

The AKC has pamphlets available for ring stewards. You can pick them up from supers at shows or order from AKC (the club can pay for these). They should be mailed to each steward a month before the show with a request that they read them and bring up any questions they might have in advance. This applies to obedience stewards also (separate set of rules).