# AGILITY TRIAL JOBS

**Gate Steward**:  Makes sure dogs have been checked in on the gate sheets, and that the dogs are on the line as directed by the judge.  They make sure that the next 3-4 dogs are nearby and ready to go as it's important to keep things moving. The Gate Steward communicates to the Scribe anytime there is a change in the running order (such as a dog being absent, or if someone is moved within the order). Each time a dog comes to the start line they announce the dogs name so that the scribe can hear them as well as the other handlers waiting nearby. So it's important for the gate steward to be loud enough to be heard but not so loud to disturb a dog running the course. Also, the Judge determines when the handlers should go into the ring. For instance, perhaps he wants the handler to set up at the start line when the dog ahead of him takes the A-frame. The Gate Steward will also remind the handler to get to the line at the appropriate time. This is one of the more challenging jobs. Also alerts the ring crew and scribe to height changes.

**Assistant Scribe**: Makes sure the scribe sheets (found on the table in each ring)  are in the same order as the dogs listed on the board before each class begins. If a handler writes a 'C' by their dog that means they may have a conflict with running in another ring.  Most assistant scribes will turn these sheets sideways in their pile to indicate a possible conflict and mark a "C" at the top of the scribe sheet. The best time to do this is when the handlers are walking the course. During the class sit at the scorer's table and hand the Scribe the proper sheet for the dog on the line.  Listen carefully to the Gate Stewart call out the running order of dogs so you keep the sheets in proper order.

**Scribe**: Double checks that the scribe sheets are in the correct order prior to the start of the class. Then during each run the scribe watches the Judge as s/he gives hand signals for any faults that occur. Any faults are recorded on the score sheets and then the time is written on the sheet before moving on to the next dog. If scribing for the FAST class, circle the numbers that the judge calls out.



Physically it's an easy job but mentally you have to be on your toes and you can't really watch the dogs run as your eyes are always on the judge.

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**Timer**: We use electronic timing, so this is easy. Makes sure the timer has started, or stopped as needed, and give the running time to the scribe to record.

**Ring Crew**: Sets bars that are knocked but never during a run, always after the run has been completed. Then whenever there is a height change, all ring crew go out and set the bars to the new height and adjust any other equipment affected by the height change - Frame, Table and electronic eyes on timers. For the most part you will be able to sit and watch the runs, only getting up when something needs to be re-set. This job gives you a ring side seat for all the action!

**Leash Runner**: Pick up the leash after the dog and handler have left the start line.  Move the leash to the chair near the exit gate.  Be careful not to distract the dog running the course at anytime.  Return to the start line area.

**Score runner:** is a similar job to leash runner, only you are standing outside the ring near the Scribe who will be handing you scribe sheets for each dog as they complete the course. Separate the two copies placing the yellow into the basket for handlers to pick up. When you have 6 or so in hand you walk over to the trial secretary's desk and hand him/her the white scribe sheets. Then you return to the ringside to wait for more scribe sheets to be ready for delivery. Sometimes you may be asked to run scribe sheets for two rings but it's not that much harder. Just stop at each ring to collect scribe sheets before delivering them to the secretary. Again there really is no running required.

**Course Builder**: Works with the Chief Course Builder to set the obstacles for the next class.