



## Ring Steward In

You will need the catalogue marked with the dogs who are competing and those who are not. (Non-Runners can be found by looking at the Whiteboard provided at CFGB Competitions).

- ❖ The Competitor should be waiting in the warmup area ready for you to open the gate and allow them into the Competition Ring.
- ❖ It is the competitor's responsibility to be ready for their running order - your job is to help them go into the ring promptly at the right time, with you taking guidance from the judges, judges' steward and/or scorer and to assist them with their props, lead, toys etc.
- ❖ Please make certain that you can open & close the Entry Gate easily.
- ❖ Ensure that the competitor going in has the opportunity to place props in the ring as soon as the previous competitor has left - **but they cannot take their dog into the ring.**
- ❖ You may be asked to hold their dog, only do this if you feel confident to do so, if not, the competitor must find another person to hold their dog.
- ❖ Only allow the competitor and their dog into the ring when the judges or Steward have indicated that they are ready and the Commentator has announced them.
- ❖ Ask the competitor if they need you to go into the ring with them - particularly to bring out the lead if they have one for the dog.
- ❖ The competitor may ask you to take and hold a toy or treat as they enter the ring - please be ready to do this.

**Training round toys** - this is not the job of the ring steward in. The handler needs to have primed a friend to supply a toy from somewhere else as the next competitor will be warming up at the ring entrance so toys should be kept away from that area.

- ❖ **Smile and wish them good luck.**
- ❖ At CFGB Competitions, ensure that the competitor's lead, treats etc. are placed into the plastic collecting basket and moved to the Ring Steward Out in preparation for them leaving the ring.

**Once a performance is underway - welcome the next competitor into the warmup area and get ready to do it all again!**