

# RDA National Championships Role Description



## Ground Crew

### Background

The RDA National Championships is RDA's flagship event, bringing together hundreds of competitors of all abilities in events including Carriage Driving, Countryside Challenge, Dressage, Showjumping, Vaulting and Showing. The National Championships relies on approximately 200 volunteers to enable the event to run smoothly. Volunteer roles vary and include working in the stables, assisting at prize giving, collecting score sheets, making cups of coffee and helping set up the event as part of our ground crew. Equine experience is not essential.

### Role Responsibilities:-

- Support event setup and breakdown including onsite signage and siting tables, chairs, barriers and mounting facilities
- Providing general site services, including liaising with Hartpury staff where appropriate
- Erection and pack down of all arenas for dressage, vaulting, carriage driving, showing and vaulting competitions as well as setting up any other equipment as required
- Assisting the Countryside Challenge team with setup and breakdown as required
- Any other duties as required by the Head of Ground Crew, Championships Chair or Event Secretary

**Please note:** Volunteering in ground crew is a physically demanding job with early start and late finishing times. Regular breaks are given during quieter periods to give volunteers the chance to see the competition. Sensible clothing and footwear must be worn.

### National Championships Event Code of Conduct

RDA UK is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of everyone involved and wants to ensure a positive and enjoyable experience for all. When attending competitions, everyone is expected to abide by the following code of conduct:-

- All riders and drivers and/or their carers must take responsibility for ensuring they are up to date with the rules; understand and adhere to them.
- All riders, drivers, carers and supporters should recognise the valuable contribution made by all officials, who are usually volunteers. They give their time and resources to enable the event to happen.
- All riders, drivers, carers and supporters must respect officials and their decisions.
- All officials must treat everyone equally and with dignity.
- All those attending the event should treat others with the same level of respect that they would expect to be shown to themselves.
- Everyone must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all; regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Everyone must ensure that inappropriate language or behaviour is challenged.
- Any safeguarding concerns during the event should be reported to the Event Safeguarding Officer, details will be displayed in the Secretary's Office, Arena 4, Hartpury or contact 07493 394237.