



VOLUNTEER ADVICE

Thank you again for volunteering at the Jersey Fresh International Three-Day Event! Here are a few tips on how you can help make the competition run as smoothly as possible.

Before the Event:

- Please prepare for your volunteer assignment by reading over your job description in advance.
- If you have not visited the Horse Park of New Jersey before, it is a good idea to look over our grounds map so that you know the lay of the land (available at <http://www.jfi3d.com/for-volunteers/>).
- The JFI Volunteer Coordinator will confirm with you the week prior to the competition and, at that time, will instruct you on where to meet for your assignment.
- If you have questions or would like more detailed information than what is found on our website, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator. We are always happy to answer questions in advance; it makes the day of the event easier and less hectic for everyone!

At the Event:

- Please remember that, as a volunteer, you are representing Jersey Fresh International and should always maintain a courteous and professional demeanor with competitors, officials, and spectators.
- Plan for all possible weather conditions! It's a good idea to bring sunglasses, a hat, and raingear – but NO umbrellas, please (umbrellas can distract and spook horses). Also please remember sunblock!
- We suggest that you dress comfortably and in layers. Please wear boots or sneakers – NO flip-flops or sandals, for your own safety and protection. Formal dress is not required, however, no short-shorts or tank tops, please. Remember, you are representing an international-level competition!
- Unless you are a scribe, runner, or hospitality volunteer, please plan to bring a chair that you can carry.

When you arrive at the Horse Park, you will be greeted by a member of the JFI staff and asked to sign-in. You will then be briefed by a staff member or one of the officials for the Event. Depending on your assignment, you may attend a formal briefing with many other volunteers, or receive an informal briefing by yourself or in a small group. During this time, you will be given the necessary supplies for your job (e.g., clipboard, paperwork, stopwatch, show radio, etc.).

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Take a moment to look over any materials you are given and do a quick mental inventory. The Event can be hectic, so it is always best to make sure you have everything you need before heading off to your assignment. Also take a moment to be sure that – if you are given one – your radio works and you are comfortable using it.

If you have any questions, please let a staff member know before you start your assignment. If your question is not urgent, we may ask you to head out to your post and have a staff member or official follow up with you later. Remember, if you do have a radio, you can always ask questions over the assigned radio frequency once you are in place!

Jersey Fresh will provide you with meals and snacks during your scheduled volunteer time. “Volunteer Hospitality” will pass by your station occasionally with snacks and drinks. If you have special dietary needs or a favorite drink or snack, please bring it with you to the Event.

There are portable johns located throughout the competition venue and there are “real” bathrooms in the Secretary’s Building.

Don’t be afraid to ask questions! The JFI staff and officials are there to support you. Staff, officials, and competitors understand that you are a volunteer – and EVERYONE appreciates your help! You are not expected to be an expert on show procedures or the rules of competition and you should not hesitate to refer to the officials or your Volunteer Coordinator if you need assistance.

And, most of all, HAVE FUN! Eventing, especially at the JFI level of competition, is among the most exciting of all equestrian sports. And you, as a volunteer, have a unique up-close and integral role to play in making this thrilling Event a success – especially for the riders and their beautiful and brave equine partners. They, and we, cannot do this without you.