

## VOLUNTEERS – The Bluegrass Classic needs you!

Thank you so much for considering volunteering at the 2026 Bluegrass Classic! With more than 190, 3-hour shifts to fill over a 5-day stretch, it takes a LOT of us to “get it done.” So, thank you for being willing to help where you can!! If every handler would commit to one (1) volunteer shift, we would be very grateful and well supported. **Please consider volunteering!!** How many shifts you are assigned depends on how many people volunteer.

Please find the Volunteer Questionnaire below. [The Volunteer Schedule isn't created until the Running Orders have been published so your volunteer time won't be scheduled anywhere near when you're running your dog.](#)

If anything changes after you've completed the form or if you have questions, **please contact me!**

### Novice handlers please consider Scribing. It's a great place to learn!

The following is a **brief description** of each position. We'll be giving you more detailed instructions about your job once the schedule is determined.

1. **Scribe/Clerk**: Sits with the Judge to tally the score of each run. Also, keeps the time (stopwatch) of each run. Needs decent math skills, calculator provided.
2. **Recorder**: Officially reviews and records the score from each run on the Novice Field.
3. **Poster**: Picks up score sheets, delivers to White House or Recorder, and posts the scores on scoreboards.
4. **White House Assistant**: Works side-by-side with the recording person in charge of the White House. Knowledge of Excel is a plus.
5. **Merchandise**: Sell Bluegrass Classic apparel & hats and assist with sponsor hat and dog food pick-up.
6. **Silent Auction Tables**: Set up at 9-10am and pack up items at 4-5pm, Thursday - Saturday. We would like 2 people to lay out the items at the beginning of the day and remove the same in the afternoon. The Silent Auction Chair will organize forms and times for auctions to end.
7. **Novice Field Break Down**: (Sunday only) A couple extra pairs of hands to help disassemble things on the Novice Field including removing course panels, t-posts, the pen, removing tarps from the set-out and exhaust areas and stacking these near the walk-thru gate near the tent. Please breakdown the exhaust pen and stack the green panels next to the exhaust gate.
8. **Course Director**: Works closely with the Judge to keep the Novice Field running smoothly and on-time. Must have a good working knowledge of all aspects of the competition, help coordinate exhausting sheep, make sure all competitors are present and ready for their runs, and assist with communication between set out and judge.
9. **Exhaust Sheep**: This position requires an experienced OPEN handler and a well-trained dog to move the sheep to the exhaust at the end of each run on the Novice Field. Sheep are difficult to exhaust and require more than opening a gate. The goal is to keep things moving smoothly and on time. These shifts are 2-hours only.
10. **Trial Tear-Down**: The Committee needs additional hands to tear down the fields, pack up the White House, remove tarping, stack fence wire, load trailers, etc.

Again, many, many thanks for your help!!

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## 2026 Bluegrass Volunteer Sign-Up Form

To volunteer, you may use the online form, <https://bluegrassclassicsdt.org/volunteer/>, email the downloadable form to Sherry Smith at [sherrys819@live.com](mailto:sherrys819@live.com), include the form with your entry, or fax to **1-855-950-6666**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (to be reached during the trial): \_\_\_\_\_

**What days are you AVAILABLE to work a shift? Check all that apply. Please do NOT mark a day unless you PLAN TO BE available.** If your plans change let me know **immediately**. Please do NOT wait until the Schedule is announced.

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Monday (post trial)

**Preferences: (anything you want me to know BEFORE making the schedule – time of day preference, arrival & departure dates, or special requests).**

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**Note: The Volunteer Schedule will not be finalized until after the Run Orders are published so that volunteer shifts will not interfere with runs. Volunteer Shifts will be announced 1 week prior to the trial.**

What jobs are you interested in helping with? **Check all that apply. Please mark more than one choice.** We don't schedule you for a job you don't select. **Please consider doing a shift at Merchandise and/or Silent Auction, we are always short-staffed for these shifts.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk / Scribe Experienced
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk / Scribe New (we can provide training)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Course Director – Novice Field
- \_\_\_\_\_ Exhaust Sheep – Novice Field (2-hour shift) [Open handlers only w/ Open caliber dog]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recorder – Novice Field
- \_\_\_\_\_ Score Poster
- \_\_\_\_\_ White House Assistant
- \_\_\_\_\_ Merchandise Sales (10am-1pm & 1pm-4pm, Wed – Sun)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Silent Auction (set up 9-10am & breakdown 4-5pm, Thurs - Sat)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Novice Field Breakdown (Sunday only)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Trial Tear-Down (Sunday & Monday)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Shuttling Trailers (Tuesday pick up & Monday drop off)

Will you be entering a dog or just spectating at the Bluegrass?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Entered in Open
- \_\_\_\_\_ Entered in Pro Novice
- \_\_\_\_\_ Entered in Open Ranch
- \_\_\_\_\_ Entered in Nursery
- \_\_\_\_\_ Entered in Novice
- \_\_\_\_\_ Just Spectating\*

\*We ask that non-competing Volunteers please camp at the Kentucky Horse Park