

STAKE CHAIR - JOB DESCRIPTION

The Stake Chair is responsible for helping both setting up and breaking down the tests, keeping the test running smoothly with equipment that works, to include periodic checking on the field workers to make sure they have everything they need particularly as weather conditions change (i.e. heat, rain, cold).

This is a fairly demanding physical job. Get help when you need it...ask gallery to assist when needed.

Safety Note: An Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) available at every event. If it is needed at your stake, contact the Event Chair immediately. The Event Chair will bring it to your stake.

Friday/Setup:

For your stake you will need:

- At least 8 holding blinds.
 - 3 blinds will be used as holding blinds for dogs/handlers.
 - 2 blinds for Master Pop/Throw stations; 1 blind for Senior/Junior
 - 2 blinds for the live gun station (need two in a row to block view and give room for bird crates)
 - 1 additional blind for a blind planter station (Senior/Master)
- 2 Bird dryer racks to be located at the line. 2 orange buckets for collecting birds.
- 1 handler's gun
- 2 popper gun stands for Master; 1 for Jr/Sr if not using gas Thunder guns
- 3 Zinger Wingers for Master; 2 Zinger Wingers for Jr/Sr (one for the live gun station that has a bird basket)
- Ground stakes for holding the wingers and pop-up tents in place
- Handler's gun stand for Master and Junior/Senior stakes.
- Orange marking tape and/or Blind stake(s) for Master and Senior
- Garbage bags
- EZ Up tent at each stake (for shade and/or protection from rain/wind).
- First Aid Kit

The Stake Chair box for the weekend should be ready to go in the morning (they are labeled in the trailer). The Stake Boxes should be prepared the night before the event. Check the box for the following contents:

- 4-5 plastic garbage bags
- Handiwipes (big container)
- Hand towels for judges
- Earplugs
- 3 Duck Calls - give to field workers in the morning
- Hammer
- Paper towels



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- Burlap Bird bags – at least 5
- Disposable gloves (if available)
- Popper shells in baggies - 25 in each (not necessary if you are using the gas Thunder guns)
- Extra pens
- Sunscreen

Friday/SetUp:

- Put up blinds for each station and holding blinds on the way to the running line, per direction of the Judges.
- Place bird racks, handler's gun & gun stand by the line.
- Put out wingers and popper gun stands.
- Lay out an EZ-up at each of the Judges station/line to be put up on Saturday morning if needed.

Saturday:

Take the following equipment out to the site of the first series.

- Popper guns or gas gun with cylinder - one for each Pop/Throw station.
- Coolers with ice and cold drinks for each Pop/Throw station and live gun station.
- Big cooler (ice/drinks) at Judge's location.
- First Aid Kit
- If using popper guns, have 3 bags of poppers at each popper station.
- Each station should have a small, white plastic trash bag.
- Help distribute radios to gun station, Judges, Pop/Throw stations as needed
- Take a moment to check that the radios are working and set to the proper channel and review any other needed equipment handling with your stake workers.

Make sure the Field Workers have chairs, big umbrellas (in trailer) hearing protection, sunscreen, rain gear if needed.

During the Day:

- During the test, bag dead birds as they accumulate and distribute them evenly between Pop/Throw stations and the blind planters at the judges' request. The Stake Marshal may assist.
- Help keep track of birds and re-birding. Note: Bags with 10 – 12 birds are easier to manage and assist with tracking the bird count.
- Monitor water/Gatorade; contact home base for more supplies if needed.
- Assist with moving popper shells, birds, stake chair box to the next stake location. Leave blinds, gun stands, wingers, guns unless told to do



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otherwise. Judges will decide how workers will be assigned. Remove all garbage from the stake site. Paid help as well as volunteers should assist.

- At the end of day, bring in birds, guns, garbage and poppers back to the equipment trailer. Return ALL radios to the Head Marshal.

Sunday:

Before tests start:

- Bag dead birds that are available at headquarters and distribute evenly between Pop/Throw stations and blind planters.
- Bring the following to the stake as needed: guns, garbage bags, bird bags, radios and poppers. Make sure coolers are full and out at stake.
- Follow the same procedures as listed above (Saturday, During the day).

At the end of every test, ALL equipment must be broken down and taken back to the trailer area (garbage, wingers, popper guns, holding blinds, dead birds, etc.). Assist in storage of the equipment at the trailer.

DOUBLE CHECK THE AREA OF THE TEST FOR BLINDS, BIRDS, ETC....

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