INSTRUCTIONS FOR GROUND OBSERVERS (Spotters)

Please note all penalties will be awarded by scorers.

1. Ground Observers must record on the following on their sheet:

(a) If a Numbered Flag has not been passed on the correct side or in the correct sequence, red on right, white on left. All Grooms must be on the Vehicle when it passes through the Numbered Flag.

(b) Breaks of pace – required paces are given on the Checklist for your Section:

For a break of pace, only one Horse need break. Each period of 5 seconds that a break of pace continues, faster or slower, must be recorded. Deliberate breaks of pace whatever the duration must be recorded.

(c) Halts are allowed for an accident or repair to harness or vehicles. The time of any halts should be recorded.

(d) Grooms may leave the Vehicle at any time in any Section (outside the penalty zone in Section E) without incurring penalties provided that the Vehicle is stationary, but must be onboard passing through Numbered Flags.

2. The only person to handle the Reins, Whip or Brake on the Vehicle is the Competitor. Any assistance in this respect given by Grooms will entail 20 penalties. (Grooms may give assistance to the Competitor, preventing him from falling out of the Vehicle but they may not hold his arm or interfere with his driving or for any other reason.) Grooms may pass the Competitor a spare whip without penalty. If the Vehicle is stationary the Groom may handle the Reins without penalty.

3. Ground Observers must report any outside assistance, this includes the following:

a) Being followed or accompanied by any vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian or horseman.

b) Advice or directions from friends, spectators, Obstacle Observers, or Officials as to the condition of the going, time or distance.

c) Having someone at an Obstacle to encourage or assist a Competitor or Horses by any means whatsoever.

d) The use of radio apparatus on the Vehicle, except between sections.

4. Immediately Report acts of cruelty such as excessive use of whip or pressing exhausted horses.

5. Remain after their shift until released by the President of the Ground Jury.

6. Give Spotter Reports to Scorerunner or radio them in if you have a radio.