

## Course Worker Responsibilities & Safety Issues

1. **WORKING THE COURSE CAN BE DANGEROUS!** Work locations are chosen with attention to safety, but it is extremely important that everyone always pay attention to all vehicles on course, and that you are ready to move out of the way in the event that a car spins or slides in your direction. **BE SAFE.**
2. **WORKERS ARE FREE TO ADJUST THEIR POSITION** to spread out to better cover an area, and/or to move to a safer location.
3. **CARS WILL BE COMING AT FAST INTERVALS.** Hurry to reset a downed cone and return to a safe location.
4. **KEEP THE FLAG IN YOUR HAND** at all times. The flag should be bunched up and never rolled up. It takes too much time to unroll the flag in an emergency.
5. **CHAIRS, BICYCLES, ETC. ARE NOT ALLOWED** on course at any work station. Umbrellas are generally discouraged, but if you choose to use one, be ready to collapse it and drop it the instant you need to run for a cone. Do not leave an open umbrella on the ground.
6. **"POINTER CONES"** (or any cone that is already lying down) **DO NOT COUNT AS A PENALTY.** Make sure that they are returned to their proper position if hit, but do not count them when reporting to Timing & Scoring.
7. Know how to assess **CONE PENALTIES.** Please ask someone if you are not sure.
8. When possible, **HAVE THE PERSON \*NOT\* HOLDING THE FLAG, RETRIEVE DOWNED CONES.** If the flag-person must retrieve a cone, hold the flag out of sight as to not appear to be red-flagging a car.
9. **WATCH FOR CROSS TRAFFIC.** There are usually 2 or more cars on course at once.
10. When a car is approaching, **WATCH BEHIND THE CAR,** not directly at the car. When it is close enough, look for the car number, then resume watching behind the car for downed or wobbling cones. When the car passes make sure that any wobbling cones are still within the chalk box.
11. If a cone cannot be reset in time for the next car. **IT IS THE DRIVERS RESPONSIBILITY TO COME TO A COMPLETE STOP** and signal to the course worker that the cone is down. If in fact the cone was not meant to be down, then report the car number to Timing & Scoring for a rerun. Do not flag a driver because a cone is down.
12. **ONLY DESIGNATED WORKERS ARE ALLOWED ON COURSE** during competition. Any other people on course must have the permission of the Safety Steward. Photographers must have a dedicated spotter. This spotter may not be someone currently assigned to a course working position.
13. **COURSE WORKERS MAY NOT TAKE PICTURES** during your work session.
14. **NEVER PICK UP PARTS THAT HAVE FALLEN FROM A VEHICLE,** they may be hot. If they are hot, try to quickly kick them off course or flag the next car if they are in danger of hitting the object.
15. **WORK STATIONS WILL HAVE SPARE CONES** you can use to replace cones that are dragged off by cars.
16. **IDENTIFY STATION NUMBER AND CAR NUMBER** when calling in penalties and speak in a clear and calm manner.

17. **MAKE SURE THAT TIMING & SCORING ACKNOWLEDGES PENALTIES** as they are called in.
18. When flagging a car, **NEVER RUN IN FRONT OF THE CAR**. Maintain a safe distance while doing whatever possible to get the drivers attention.
19. **FAILURE TO DO A WORK ASSIGNMENT** will result in disqualification and working a double shift at your next event.
20. Know **HOW MANY WHEELS-OFF WILL COUNT AS AN OFF-COURSE**; ask someone if it is not announced at the driver's meeting.
21. **RUN AT 90-DEGREE ANGLES** from a car skidding toward you. Do not run away from the car, it can catch you.
22. **LIMIT TALK ON THE RADIOS** to penalty or safety related information only. No chitchat please.
23. Before the run group starts, **WALK THE COURSE IN THE AREA THAT YOU ARE WORKING** to ensure that all cones are within the chalk boxes and that the chalk mark is visible. Re-chalk any cones where chalk boxes are becoming faint. Periodically recheck that cones are still within the chalk boxes throughout your work session.
24. If there is an accident, **DO NOT TOUCH ACCIDENT VICTIMS**. Only people certified in First Aid should try to help the victim of an accident. The only exceptions would be if the person is in danger of serious injury in the position that they are currently in. (i.e. trapped in a burning car or EXTREME loss of blood)
25. **WORKERS MUST BE STANDING AND ALERT** any time that a car is on course.
26. **REPORT ANY FLUID LEAKS OR DEBRIS** coming off of cars immediately.
27. **WATCH FOR SPECTATORS** crossing the boundaries established at the drivers meeting. Ask them to stay within the designated spectator areas.
28. **CHECK IN WITH THE WORKER CHIEF** before going out to the work station.
29. Be prepared for any type of **WEATHER**. Make sure you drink plenty of fluids.
30. **16 YEARS OLD** is the minimum age of a course worker as suggested by the SOLO Safety Committee.
31. **NEVER TURN YOUR BACK ON A MOVING CAR**. If you must turn your back on a moving car, have someone watch your back and signal you at the first sign of danger.
32. The **RED FLAG SHOULD BE USED IN ANY EMERGENCY SITUATION** in which you wish to stop a driver on course. The driver should come to a complete stop, at which time you should inform them of the present danger. Give the driver any special instructions on how and when to proceed through the rest of the course. Finally, report the car number to Timing and Scoring for a rerun.