



Corner Worker Guidelines

SCCA Membership: All workers need to be an SCCA Member or Weekend Member and sign the waiver before the start of the race. Do this at the registration table. Weekend memberships will be paid for by the host group.

Clothing & Supplies: Given the terrain and/or incident(s) you may encounter, closed toed shoes should be worn; leather shoes or boots (work/hiking) are highly recommended. Long pants are suggested and if a worker t-shirt is not supplied, then a shirt in any color other than red can be worn.

Items to consider bringing with you to your station, you can use this as your check list if you want. Use the blank boxes to fill in for things you may need:

Suggested Individual Supply List for You to Bring to Your Corner			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Easy Up – pop up shade cover	<input type="checkbox"/> Water & snacks	<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves: leather or Nomex
<input type="checkbox"/> Bug spray	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun screen lotion or spray	<input type="checkbox"/> Umbrella (no red color)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rain poncho or rain coat (no red color)
<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper (there may not be a Porta-Potty near your station)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outerwear appropriate for the day's forecast (no red color)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Meals:

Lunch is provided. Depending on the hill, you might be brought down to the Pit Area or the meal will be delivered to you on station. Saturday dinner is provided. Ask PHA personnel the time and location if don't know where Saturday dinner is being served.

Radio – General Usage:

1. When assigned a radio, make sure it is on the correct channel, turned on, and volume up. During the event, you need to make sure you can hear calls on the radio and the cars going by may be quite loud.
2. When making a call on the radio, **there is a slight delay in transmission due to the radio system.** Make sure to depress the button fully and **wait approximately 3 seconds** before talking. Speak in a clear loud voice (not yelling) with the radio speaker an inch or two from your mouth. As soon as you are done speaking, release the button.
3. Dead Battery: The radio's battery could die with (beeping sound) or without warning. If you are attempting to broadcast and are not receiving any response, you may have a dead or dying battery – even if you can hear others. If you are within eye-shot of another station, try to signal them of your situation. They will then notify Control and another radio will be brought to you.

Radio – Protocol and Emergency Calls:

1. **Course Checks:** Once all workers are on their Corners, Control will perform a Course Check. This allows Control to ensure that everyone is at their Corner and radios work. This process will also be performed at various times throughout the event.

Course Check usually starts with Turn 1 and goes sequentially to the other Corner #'s, then Finish, and Turn Around. When it is your turn, state: "CLEAR at (corner #)" Example: **CLEAR at 3**

Due to the slight radio delay, it is preferred that you state "CLEAR" before your Corner # because Control needs to know *where* as a priority.

2. Calling Cars:

At most of the events, during race conditions (hot laps) every Corner is to report the cars as they have successfully passed the Corner. Car numbers are to be called in as single digits.

Following is an example for car # 212 passing by Corner 3:

CORRECT Example: Car 2-1-2 by 3

Do NOT Call: Car Two-Twelve by 3

There will be multiple cars on the road and since multiple Corners may be calling cars, there will be times when you are attempting to call when another Corner is calling. You may soon find a rhythm of when you can call your car. Sometimes you might be “stepped on” by another radio (another radio is calling while you are calling and Control cannot hear your call) and Control may need you to repeat your last call.

When a Course Truck, or a Fire/Ambulance/Tow Truck passes your corner, you should also call that vehicle. They get called in as either **UP** or **DOWN**, depending on the direction they are going (up or down the hill). Here are two examples:

Course Truck **UP** by 3

Tow Truck **DOWN** by 3

When Control calls “**Last car in Group**”, Turn Around will release the cars to come back down the hill. **Only the First and Last** cars need to be called **Down** by your turn. **Example: 2-1-2 DOWN by 3**

When cars are coming back down, this is a good time to quickly check the road for debris, fluids, rocks, lost car #'s, road-kill, etc. If clean-up is needed, radio to Control to hold the Start Line for a quick clean-up.

3. Emergency Calls:

When an incident occurs at your corner, **REMAIN CALM** and speak clearly the following:

EMERGENCY, EMERGENCY, EMERGENCY - 3 (your corner #).

Wait for Control to respond. All other corners are to stop transmitting (unless a second incident). If Control does not respond to you in a timely manner – **make the call again**.

When Control responds, you are to communicate in a quick but descriptive manner the type of incident. State car# and description of incident; example: **2-1-2 hit tree** If serious impact – state that.

All Corner Workers are a Team! When the incident occurs, go together to the car, taking the **brooms, oil-dry, and the fire extinguisher** to start clean-up. One person is to remain on the radio until Safety Steward arrives.

Follow these emergency guidelines:

- Immediately, make-sure Driver is OK
- Turn off vehicle (kill-switch) if driver has not already done so
- Driver is to remain in car except for fire or fuel leakage
- Once Course Truck has arrived, you are now free to clean-up. This is where your gloves may come in handy. Do **not** pick-up metal pieces that may be hot.
- Safety will assess the rest of the incident and you may be asked to complete a Witness Statement

NOTE: Spectators may be curious about the incident. Please try to keep spectators away from the area of the incident.

4. **Non-Emergency:** There are rally cars, crazy fast drivers and normal spins and stalls. Do **NOT** call an emergency if they leave in a timely fashion. A “spin and continue” or “two wheels off on a bank and continue” are all OK. Report to control:

“Car 2-1-2 spun and continued by 6”

Use good judgement on calls – Play it Safe, if you think it is too close for comfort.

Call Control if a car proceeds after spinning or having two wheels off and leaves dangerous debris on the road. This could be stones, dirt, hay, etc. Radio Control and ask for time to clean up the debris and have an estimate for Control as to how long you think cleanup will take.

5. **RED FLAG:** Control may tell all Corners from a certain Corner # down to display the **RED FLAG**.

Example: Red Flag turn 5 and down.

One Corner Worker from each Corner 5 and down should go to the edge of the road (but **NOT** in the road) and wave the RED FLAG in a slow motion or hold bottom of the RED FLAG so drivers can clearly see the flag. Never endanger yourself when waving the flag. Remember cars are going “at speed” and have no idea there will be a RED FLAG at your Corner.

All Corners from 6 and above are **not** to show the Red Flag and are to **allow** the cars to continue.

REMEMBER: Control will be handling the **emergency first**. Stay off the radio, unless Control calls your Corner.

Corners that have a car stopped due to a Red Flag are to await Control’s direction. You are to keep the driver in the car and the person with the radio should be next to the driver so they can tell the driver what Control wants the driver to do.

Once Control has given you instructions for the car, you are to relay that to the driver and the driver is to repeat back to you the instructions. (this is to avoid misunderstanding). Next, radio Control that the car has left your Corner, example:

2-1-2 DOWN by 3

6. **Miscellaneous:**

- Call Control for non-emergency clean-up, spectator situations, etc.: Radio to control:

“3 to Control”

Wait for Control to respond, such as:

“Go ahead 3”

Quickly state your question or issue.

- Spectators: Keep spectators in a safe location away from the road. Do not allow spectators to lean on guiderail. Keep calm and be courteous to the spectators. However, if a spectator is not complying with your instructions and it involves driver or spectator safety, **radio Control about the situation**.
- Critters: Deer and other animals may wander on the road. While we do not stop the race, attempts should be made to get them off the road: scream, wave arms, blow whistle, etc. If those efforts do not work, radio Control.

THANK YOU for volunteering!

Without YOU, there would not be a hillclimb!