

## **Appendix C TRACK MARSHALLING**

### ***What is Track Marshalling?***

A track marshal is the same as a corner worker in full size road racing.

### ***Their responsibilities are:***

1. To help maintain a clear racecourse for competitors.
2. To assist vehicles which have become unable to move because of a crash or spin.
3. To remove from the track and disable vehicles that are unable to continue because of mechanical problems. The marshal should disable the vehicle whenever possible. He or she should use the switch or unplug the battery in an electric vehicle, and use the appropriate method to shut down a gas vehicle.
4. To providing an open racecourse for the rest of the racers as QUICKLY and SAFELY as possible.

### ***After your race is over:***

1. Disable your vehicle and return the transponder and radio as quickly as possible and go to your marshalling position to help the race day go smooth and as quickly as possible. Be sure you are not standing in the driver's line of sight and blocking the view of a portion of the racetrack.
2. Stay focused on your assigned portion of the racetrack. It is easy to get caught up in watching the race and miss getting someone on their way or clearing the track quickly in a crash.
3. First to crash... first to leave in multi vehicle pileups. Be impartial. EVERY Driver and Car should be treated equally. Don't reset a friend or family member's vehicle first if they were on the tail end of a crash.
4. For safety reasons... NEVER step into oncoming traffic to get a disabled car. These vehicles, Electric or Gas, are traveling at a speed that could easily injure you if you are struck by one of them. Wait for a reasonably clear place to move to the disabled vehicle. MOVE QUICKLY.
5. Never put a vehicle in the path of oncoming traffic. The proper method is EITHER wait until traffic is past and reset or remove the car, OR Lift the

- car off the track to keep other cars from hitting it and then place it back in the race.
6. ALWAYS set the vehicle on the track going In the PROPER DIRECTION! Don't just free it from the boards and allow the driver to make a large turn to get back in the right direction. DON'T take the vehicle and THROW it down the track. Set it in a position so that the driver can quickly reenter the race on his own.
  7. **BE AWARE OF VEHICLE THAT HAVE JUMPED OVER BARRIERS!** Put them on the track where they left the track, **NOT WHERE THEY LANDED.** On tracks with a lot of switchbacks, this could advance the vehicle unfairly ahead of competitors.
  8. Attempt to repair minor damage if you can do so quickly, (i.e. Popped rod ends, Loose batteries, Dislocated dogbones, Wedged in body parts, etc.) Remember ... The cars still in the race have priority!!!! If you have to, hand the vehicle over to a friend of the driver or just shut it off and tend to the track.
  9. If you are not able to marshal the next race, it is your responsibility to inform the track officials or find a replacement marshal. At many tracks, you are penalized a lap or disqualified for not marshalling and not informing the officials.
  10. Please remember when you are driving, don't scream at the marshals. Abusive language is not acceptable. If they don't see your vehicle, then, yes you can get there attention, but in a proper manner. Treat people like you want to be treated.

***Some other things to be aware of:***

1. Be conscience of areas of the vehicle that can harm you. Gas engines and Electric motors get VERY HOT, as do exhaust systems on gas engines. Be cautious of moving parts: wheels, axles, flywheels, all can cause injuries.
2. When on the drivers stand, please wait until the marshal has released your vehicle for their safety, before hitting the throttle.
3. Make sure you don't have things in your pockets that can fall out on the track as you are assisting vehicles.