

Golden Gate Chapter BMW CCA Autocross Series

Worker Assignment Descriptions

Announcer (Trailer)

Skills: Good speaker, outgoing personality, comedian

Degree of difficulty: Easy

Description: You'll communicate with the entire event via the PA system. Duties include announcing the next driver, providing colorful commentary about the cars/drivers on course, telling jokes appropriate for prime-time, reiterating cone counts, and announcing run times for cars finishing up. This is a fun job that puts you right in the middle of the trailer activities.

Timing System Monitor (Trailer)

Skills: good concentration, hearing, and ability to keep track of lots of numbers. Working knowledge of Windows computer operation

Degree of difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

Description: You'll work with the scoring dude to monitor the timing system and possibly update data on the laptop computer during the runs. The two of you have the sole responsibility for accurate recording of driver times and penalties. This job requires concentration and there is very little down time while working this position, if any at all. If there are no events that stop the session, you will not get a break.

Cone Counter (Trailer)

Skills: good concentration, hearing, and familiarity with computer tablet operation

Degree of difficulty: Moderate

Description: You'll work with the scoring dude and computer operator to enter data into the cone counter tablet during the runs. The three of you have the sole responsibility for accurate recording of people's times and penalties. This job requires concentration and there is very little down time while working this position, if any at all. If there are no events that stop the course, you will not get a break.

Course Worker (Course)

Skills: Everyone, except narcoleptics. Ability to stand for long periods, run and pay attention.

Degree of difficulty: Easy, sorta

Description: You'll be responsible for the safety of all people, cars, and cones while working on course. When cones are punted, you'll run like the wind and reposition them. You'll keep track of downed cones in play and communicate the counts to the comms person at the trailer. In the event of a spin or other on-course event that may jeopardize safety of a worker or vehicle, you'll flag the car on course to stop. Safety of yourself and others around you is your number one

priority. Though we give this job to newbies because running for cones kinda sucks, it is one of the most important worker positions, so take it seriously.

Driver Coach (Other People's Cars)

Skills: Experienced autocrosser, driving instructor, or thrill seeker.

Degree of difficulty: Challenging

Description: You'll put your life in the hands of an inexperienced autocrosser and ride along giving tips on how they can improve their driving and ultimately their run times. Your #1 priority is safety. This is a very rewarding role, especially with brand new autocrossers because you'll help them realize their true potential 40-50 seconds at a time. Prior training as a coach or instructor is necessary and we offer this training to all new coaches.

Pre-Grid (Course)

Skills: Good at the shell game, ability to read run stickers

Degree of difficulty: Easy

Description: You'll manage the pre-grid and send the appropriate car at the appropriate time. During the first session of each run group you'll verify the number printed on the window sticker matches the number affixed to the vehicle you're sending. This is a fun and social position since you have direct contact with each driver.

Scoring (Trailer)

Skills: good concentration, hearing, and ability to keep track of lots of numbers, good penmanship. Not for anyone with dyslexia, seriously.

Degree of difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

Description: As the scoring person you'll keep a handwritten log of every person's run times and cone counts for the entire run group. This job requires exceptional concentration, attention to detail and neat handwriting. There is very little down time while working this position, if any at all. If there are no events during the session that stop the course, you will not get a break.

Scrutineer

Skills: Be 65 or older, or bribe a coordinator

Degree of difficulty: easy, depending

Description: You'll stand at the sidelines and scrutinize anything and everything based on your wisdom and experience.

Starter (Course)

Skills: Bubbly personality, acrobat or gymnast preferred. Familiarity with touch-screen tablet and smartphone operation

Degree of difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Description: This is a fun and social position because you have direct contact with each driver. It is your job to enter driver numbers into the timing system and send cars out on course after determining it's safe to do so. Bonus points for your creative flag waving abilities. Provide encouragement to drivers as they ready for their run.

Timeslips (Course)

Skills: Good hearing, concentration, penmanship

Degree of difficulty: Easy and you may sit in a chair

Description: Also known as the "timeslip hand'er-outer-person", this is a fun and social position because you have direct contact with each driver. You'll stand at the end of the course near the timer display and write each person's run time (and cone count) on a small sticky note and hand to them at the end of their run. This job requires concentration and listening as the display may not always present the information you'll write down. You'll also need to listen to the announcer and possibly contact the comms person via radio to get the information you need.

Worker Supervisor/Communications (Trailer)

Skills: Good concentration and hearing

Degree of difficulty: Moderate

Description: This position involves monitoring radio communications between course workers, pre-grid, and trailer workers. You'll conduct a radio check and confirm all workers are present at their stations and that pre-grid is ready to send the first car. During the runs you'll monitor communications from the course workers and confirm cone counts, DNFs, and other events that may occur on course.