

2020 Corner Worker Duties

Dear Corner Worker: First of all, thank you, THANK YOU! The Waumandee Time Trials simply could not happen without your kind and generous assistance. I appreciate you! Here are the duties of the various stations, in case you have an assignment preference. You may switch stations after the lunch break. Just let me know your preference, and I will try to accommodate you.

Paddock Entry Gate: Two workers stationed in the paddock (bottom of the hill this year) at the Hwy 88 entrance. You are responsible for getting all drivers, spectators, and workers to sign the waiver when they arrive. We will have sanitizing wipes for the clipboards and pens. No adult may enter the property unless they sign the waiver first (except law enforcement officers, emergency responders, and property owner Don Dittrich). The entry gate is within easy walking distance of a porta-potty.

Starting Line: This is where Tom Hazen and one radio volunteer will be stationed all day.

Corners 1 to 8: Closest to the action! Workers stationed along the course, a few feet UP the embankment next to the corner number sign, on driver's left, NOT at pavement level, staffing the hay bale and cone chicanes. Set up hay bales and cones following the chalk markings on the pavement. Watch the cones and hay bales as each car goes by. A car that hits a hay bale and moves it more than three inches counts as a cone. Less than three inches does not. A cone that falls over or off a hay bale because a car hit it counts as a cone. Some cones stand up, some lie down as pointers. You will only have about 45 seconds between cars to reset cones and hay bales. It's your responsibility to call, "This is Corner Two. Car 38 hit one cone" when that happens or, "Car 38 black flag" if they are out of control, hit two cones/hay bales, or put a wheel off the pavement. Be firm but fair. I will back you up and trust your judgment. Hold your red flag furled and be ready to wave it at an oncoming car if you hear "RED FLAG" over the radio. Be sure to watch your email and attend the corner worker meeting at 8:15am on the morning of the event for more important information, including the RED FLAG procedure. With the exception of corners 1 and 8 (and a longer walk from 7), the chicane stations have no porta-potty access, just nearby bushes. In addition to the free refreshments at your station, there will be toilet paper and hand sanitizer.

Finish Line: At the top of the hill. That's where Erik Brom and Kate Westberg will be stationed all day, timing cars. Immediately after the last car of the day, anyone concerned with timing and scoring should go down to the paddock and find Tom Hazen to begin work on the award certificates. There is a porta-potty near the Finish.

End Zone: At the top of the hill, a couple hundred feet after the finish line, next to the "ROAD CLOSED" signs. Keep vehicles, bikers, pedestrians, and horse riders from entering the course. NO ONE is allowed to enter through the End Zone (except law enforcement officers, emergency responders, and property owner Joe Kramer). Give out detour maps and explain our event diplomatically to people who stop by. Also listen to the radio so you can tell drivers if their runs were clean. Use the orange cones and the signage to block the road when necessary. Remind drivers to follow the pink arrows and drive SLOWLY back around to the paddock. 45 MPH maximum. Help the Red (race car) group drivers turn their cars around. They will drive back down the course when it is called cold after their group finishes. The End Zone has a porta-potty within easy walking distance.

Radar Gun: One or two people strategically hide themselves in various places along the return road and use my radar guns to check the speed of competitors driving around to the starting line. In previous years neighbors have called the cops about cars speeding on their roads, so we need to police ourselves. I will announce the limit of 45 MPH at the drivers meeting. Give drivers traveling at 45 or below a thumbs up and a smile. 46-49 gets your palms pushing downward, the gesture to slow down. 50-59 gets shown the "SLOW DOWN 45" sign and reported via radio to the finish line for their one and only warning. Second time caught above 49 they are done for the day. 60 and above even once gets reported to the finish line for immediate BLACK FLAG, done for the day. They will no longer be allowed to drive the course. Sorry the return road has no porta-potty access, but you can briefly return to the paddock if need be, especially when the Red (race) group is running, because they don't use the return roads.

Again, please accept my most heartfelt thanks. You will have bags of treats at every station: Mixed nuts, potato chips, chocolate mini donuts, apples, chocolate chip cookies, water, and juice are yours to enjoy. All-day volunteers also get free lunch served by our charity caterer during the break, which will happen around 12:45pm, as well as free broasted chicken dinner at the awards banquet.

THANK YOU!