

SCC AUTOCROSS SAFETY STEWARD PROGRAM

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SCC's Safety Steward program for autocross is modeled on SCCA's 2021 Solo Safety Rules, which includes their Solo Safety Steward program.

1. Safety Steward Program

1.1. Scope SCC's Safety Steward (SS) program is designed to provide reasonable and prudent safety precautions at all SCC autocross events.

1.2. Duties The duties of the Safety Steward (SS) concern the safety of participants and non-participants. The SS must:

1.2.1. Oversee course security, which is defined as maintaining control over non-participant access to the course, as well as course layout relative to driver and worker safety.

1.2.2. Serve as an SCC representative on inspection of any autocross site. Approve the site for use.

1.2.3. Attend autocross events with responsibility to ensure prudent safety precautions are taken with respect to spectators, workers, and drivers.

1.2.4. Verify that the Certificate of Insurance is correct and present at the event site.

2. Course designs - must be approved by a Safety Steward (SS) prior to the event, working with the course designer. Key points to review include:

2.1. Workstations

2.1.1. Near likely trouble spots

2.1.2. Out of harm's way – not in spin-out zones

2.1.3. On the inside of turns – not outside

2.1.4. Max radius of work area 100 ft

2.1.5. If extra workers at a station, spread out to handle downed cones more efficiently

2.2. Verify adequate separation between course and workers

2.3. Verify separation between course and hard objects (trees, light poles, e.g.)

2.4. Participant and Spectator safety is accomplished by establishing safe viewing areas and then controlling these areas through the use of physical borders (ropes, walls, curbs, et al).

2.5. Verify location of timing table at least 75 ft from cars' path, not in line with direction cars are traveling at speed

- 2.6. Verify timing slip person located off course, at least 75 ft past finish line or well off the car's path at speed.
3. Safety Steward staffing.
 - 3.1. The Event Chairman is responsible for staffing SS's for the day
 - 3.1.1. There must be at least one SS assigned to work each run group.
 - 3.1.2. If not competing, one SS *could* handle entire day
 - 3.1.3. If competing, at least two SS's needed (not running in same Run Group).
4. Safety Steward functions at the event
 - 4.1. Wear high-visibility vest, like other course workers
 - 4.2. Carry radio for communicating with course workers and timing table
 - 4.3. Be available during course walk for questions / complaints
 - 4.4. Be available during drivers' meeting for questions / complaints
 - 4.5. Walk the course – is it laid out per the course map? Are there any hazards?
 - 4.6. Watch cars running the course. Look for issues.
 - 4.7. Work with starter to:
 - 4.7.1. Ensure course is clear to start the next car
 - 4.7.2. Establish "next car" point on course
 - 4.7.3. Ensure no more than two cars on course at a time
 - 4.7.4. Ensure that cars on course do not get near each other.
5. Becoming an SCC Safety Steward
 - 5.1. Safety Stewards should be experienced autocrossers. They also need to learn their specific roles and responsibilities prior to, during, and after an autocross. Interested SCC members should contact a Motorsports Director to learn how to become an SCC Autocross Safety Steward.
 - 5.2. Candidates must be at least 18 years old
 - 5.3. Seminar instruction is mandatory for all candidates. One option is to attend an SCCA Safety Steward webinar, and another option is to be trained by a qualified SCC Safety Steward.
 - 5.4. The candidate must then act as an assistant to a qualified Safety Steward during 2 SCC autocross sessions.
 - 5.5. Motorsports Director will issue a letter of Qualification to the candidate.
 - 5.6. Qualification is good for two years. Renewal shall be applied for after 2 years.