

# COMMUNICATIONS

**PRECISE, CONCISE & IMMEDIATE**

Efficient communications are critical to the operation of a safe racing environment. Each flag station around the track has at least one communicator assigned to their team. Through the use of a two way radio system, incidents can be instantly reported to race control and other flag stations around the track. Safety is the primary concern. If the track is blocked or emergency assistance is required, this information must be relayed and the appropriate action taken as quickly as possible.

# TRAINING

**THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**



One of the most important activities of the club is to provide ongoing training for new and experienced members alike. A comprehensive training program introduces new workers to the many aspects of race track operation. This gives new members the opportunity to get involved in the specialty that most interests them. Specific training exercises for fire fighting, rescue, extrication and first aid, etc. are usually held in the spring of each year.

And as well, on any given day at the race track, an essential task of senior course workers is the continuing training and counselling of our less experienced people.

# ICE RACING

**IT'S FUN, IT'S FREEZING, IT'S FANTASTIC!**



There's an "off season" in our neck of the woods that's almost more important than our "on season" events. It's Ice Racing, and it's done for the sheer fun of it all. Strict safety regulations are still rigorously enforced – so while it might get more than a little wild out on the track, our safety record is unimpeachable.

The Marshal's role at an Ice Racing circuit is just the same as his or her role on a Roadcourse, One simply has to wear a lot more clothes. (Whites, of course, are not the preferred colour.)

But the atmosphere is quite a bit more laid back. Everyone is out there not so much to "win" as to have a good time. Even so, the racing is hard-fought, competitive, and surprisingly fast.

# PLAY SAFE & HAVE FUN

While our members are most visible at local road and ice racing circuits, individual members often work at race tracks as far away as the Australian Indy.

Membership requirements are simple: Good health, an ability to work well with others and a love of motorsports.

With the diversity of tasks at the track and a comprehensive training program, there is a place for almost everyone within the club.

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# RACETRACK MARSHALLING

**BE A PART OF IT!**



*Dedicated volunteers committed  
to safety in motorsports . . .*

**IF YOU LOVE MOTORSPORTS AND  
WOULD LIKE TO GET MORE INVOLVED:**

Talk to one of the track marshals, give us a call at (403) 226-6790, visit our website at [www.wcma.ca](http://www.wcma.ca) or write to us at Box 1085, Stn M, Calgary AB T2P 2K9

# TEAMWORK

CRITICAL TO THE TRACK



WCMA Track Marshals are a team of committed volunteers with a love of motorsports. At the track, each flag station operates as an integrated unit, with flaggers, communicators, quick response workers and observers all depending on each other to get the job done safely. Timing & scoring and emergency crews also operate as teams. Off the track, camaraderie is the order of the day, and a family spirit prevails among the membership. "Play safe and have fun" could well be our motto.



On the track, the WCMA's activities can be listed basically as follows:

- Flagging
- Communications
- Emergency Response
- Timing & Scoring
- Training

But in addition, the WCMA is the sanctioning body for Motorsports in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. So as well as issuing licenses to drivers, the WCMA licenses the Clerk, Stewards, Scrutineers, the Pace Car Driver, and numerous other officials at the Racetrack.

There's plenty of room for everyone, and virtually no limit to opportunities for advancement.

# FLAGGING

VITAL INFORMATION



Through a series of sharply contrasting flags, turnworkers communicate vital information to the drivers. The most common flags are:

YELLOW:	Caution — incident ahead
BLUE:	You're about to be passed
RED & YELLOW:	Debris or oil on track
WHITE:	Slow or emergency vehicle
BLACK:	Driver infraction
RED:	Race has been stopped.
GREEN:	Start of Race/Track is Green
CHECKERED:	End of race (Start/Finish only)

Most turns on a race track have a flag station. Flaggers work in pairs with the blue flagger looking up the track, watching out for his yellow flagger — who faces downstream, ready to warn oncoming drivers of any incident, or imminent danger.



# TIMING & SCORING

ACCURACY COUNTS

The position of every car on every lap must be recorded in an accurate and timely manner. Usually located in the control tower, timing & scoring workers use a combination of electronic and manual systems to keep track of the field. Accuracy is crucial. The slightest error could wreak havoc on the event.

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE

SAFETY FIRST



As the first people on the scene of an accident a quick and accurate assessment of the situation is critical. Bearing in mind that personal safety is the first consideration, emergency or quick response workers must determine the driver's condition, fire hazard, danger to other drivers and the necessary course of action — then relay that information back to the communicator using hand signals. Emergency response includes fire fighting, moving the race car to a safe location and assisting the driver out of the car, but does not include the provision of medical assistance. In the event of a serious crash, an ambulance is dispatched to the scene.



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