

Rocky Mountain Division Starter Guidelines

1. Dress Code

On National days, all starters shall wear the standard black and white striped “Ref” shirt. If you do not have a ref shirt, a white shirt will do.

On Regional days and Drivers Schools, a light colored shirt, Hawaiian shirt, or a ref shirt can be worn. No yellow or red shirts are allowed at any time. (I am partial to the Hawaiian shirt.)

Rain gear should be a neutral color. No red rain gear is allowed.

2. Communicator

Contrary to the starters manual, in the Rocky Mountain Division, the point starter will be the communicator. Only when the point starter deems, will the backup be the communicator. This should be discussed at the beginning of the day and agreed upon.

When training a new starter, it is up to the trainee if they would like to communicate or if they prefer the training starter to communicate until they are more comfortable flagging and communicating.

3. Start Judges

When the Chief Starter requests a start judge(s), the Start judge(s) shall be on the Start stand for the start of each race. The Start judge(s) may be Stewards or Nationally licensed drivers.

4. Pace Car

When a Pace car is used during a double yellow condition, the pace car sign shall be displayed at Start/Finish. When there is no pace car, a number board of the racecar that is now the pace car will be displayed along with the pace car sign at Start/Finish.

5. Reconnaissance Lap

A reconnaissance lap is recommended to all Starters. The lap can either be taken Friday night or Saturday morning. The purpose of the reconnaissance lap is to give the Starters a better feel of what the drivers can see. Please be sure to get the Chief Stewards approval before entering the track.

6. License Upgrades

I will only upgrade a worker license once per year.

Anyone can and should have a regional license.

To be upgraded from a Regional license to a Divisional license, you must work four weekends (eight race days) and Co-Chief one Regional race (this is over time. It does not have to be in one year). Your license will be upgraded upon recommendation of the Regional chief and approval of the DA.

To be upgraded from a Divisional to a National, you must work seven weekends (14 race days) and chief 2 regional races (this is over time. It does not have to be in one year). Your license will be upgraded upon recommendation of the Regional chief and approval of the DA.

Everything is dependant on whether or not the Regional chiefs and DA think you are ready for an upgrade. You may have to work a few more weekends, if they feel you are not quite ready for an upgrade. We are working on an evaluation tool for all of the starters to use that will help you, your Regional chief, and the DA determine upgrade status but this is not complete yet. Look for further communication on this.

7. Maintaining your license

No matter what your license grade is, you must attend Crash and Burn school at least every other year.

Regional – work one event per year

Divisional – Work three weekends (six race days) per year. One of these should be a National day.

National – Work four weekends (eight race days) per year. Two of these should be National days. Chief one event per year.

Anything you can do to broaden your perspective on Starting is encouraged. (i.e. Taking a driver school, working a corner, starting in other series, or traveling out of division to work with other starters)