

MotoAmerica Marshal and Volunteer Program – General Overview

MotoAmerica enlists the support of volunteers to conduct our events. We would not be able to conduct our events without this support. As such, the volunteer program is extremely important to us.

Descriptions of Marshal and Volunteer Positions

The MotoAmerica volunteer program includes five marshal and volunteer positions:

- Flag Marshal
- Track Marshal
- Grid Marshal
- Tire Control Marshal
- Hospitality Volunteer

Brief explanations of each of the five positions follows.

Flag Marshals: The main responsibility of Flag Marshals is to give flags signals to the riders, mostly with their flags but sometimes with number boards or other signs. MotoAmerica also uses marshal operated lights at Circuit of the Americas, where they are also used for MotoGP.

Flag Marshals also communicate with Race Control. This is a two-way process. It is sometimes said that marshals are the eyes and ears of Race Direction. This is especially true for Flag Marshals who are usually in a better position to see what is happening during an incident compared to Track Marshals. Even with modern closed-circuit camera and TV systems, the best view of what is happening is by someone on the spot. Race Control relies on Flag Marshals to report the current situation in real time. There are, however, certain flags (such as the red and black flags) that are used only on instruction from Race Control.

Flag Marshals are designated as the primary communicators with Race Control after incidents occur, i.e., they have the responsibility of making the initial report to Race Control after any incident has occurred. Communications are mostly by radio, though land lines are used at some circuits.

Track Marshals: Also known as runners, catch, recovery, and several other terms. These marshals are responsible for assisting riders retrieving crashed bikes, clearing debris, ensuring the track surface is suitable for racing to continue (or start) , and tidying up the circuit after an incident. They also occasionally have to use fire extinguishers and help with replacing damaged air fence and other occasional odd jobs. Track Marshals also communicate with race control via radio to report rider condition (using a special rider response code protocol), to report track condition, and to report certain information about the crashed bike.

Flag Marshals and **Track Marshals** are known collectively as **Course Marshals**. **Course Marshals** may sometimes be paid for their work. This depends mostly on the nature of the contract with the track owner, but also on the marshal's experience and commitment to MotoAmerica and marshaling, in general.

At various US circuits, **Flag Marshals** and **Track Marshals** may be referred to as track workers, corner workers, runners, catch, flaggers, F&C (Flagging and Communication) etc.; With MotoAmerica, we use the terms **Flag Marshal** and **Track Marshal** exclusively.

Grid Marshals: Grid Marshals are those volunteers that assist the Race Operations team with the start of races. They hold the "lollipops" (number signs) that show the row number for riders as they assume their grid positions for the start of races. They wave yellow flags if there is a problem on their row of the grid. They remain near the grid until two-thirds race distance has been completed since race restart is required after any red flag condition that has occurred prior to completion of 2/3 race distance.

Tire Control Marshals: Tire Control Marshals are those volunteers that assist the MotoAmerica Technical team with confirmation of tire program regulations conformance. They report to the MotoAmerica Technical Director. They record numbers on tire stickers that race teams are required to place on tires as part of the tire control program.

Tire Control Marshals work on pit lane and in parc fermé after qualifying sessions and races. Experienced and proven Tire Control Marshals may be asked to support the Technical Team on the grid prior to race starts.

A keen level of awareness is necessary in this role because of the danger associated with working near moving motorbikes. Tire Control Marshals also interact closely with race teams on pit lane, so it is important that they are sensitive to how each team operates. The best policy is to attempt to be invisible.

Hospitality Volunteers: In this position, volunteers will be part of the tightest and most fun-loving of all the MotoAmerica Race Operations teams! The work alternates between intense and very relaxed due to the nature of hospitality at our events. In this position, the volunteer will assist with to-go meal packaging and delivery, buffet preparation, restocking of drinks and incidentals, clean-up, and other Hospitality related activities. A volunteer may on occasion be asked to serve as a host at the MotoAmerica VIP venue.

Basic requirements for all Marshal and Volunteer positions

- Experience is not mandatory, but marshals with proven experience will be given priority. Training is provided for all positions.
- The minimum commitment is two days - ALL POSITIONS! A three-day commitment is much preferred for all positions except Grid Marshals.

Clothing:

- Flag & Track marshals should wear white pants and a white shirt. (see picture below as an example) . International orange is an acceptable alternative.
- Tire Control Marshals and Grid Marshals should wear dark long pants, white shirt, and closed toe shoes.
- All Marshals must wear sleeved shirts/tops, long pants, and closed toe shoes. Sleeveless tops, short pants, sandals, or flip flops are not allowed.
- Hospitality volunteers should dress as they like. This position is often the most intense and most appreciated volunteer position with MotoAmerica.

Rain Gear:

- We are a "rain or shine" sport, so rain gear is needed.
- We ask that all marshals refrain from wearing any rain gear or top-layer clothing with red or yellow coloring. White, clear, black, or navy-blue rain gear is preferred. Other colors may also be acceptable so long as they do not resemble marshal flags.

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment): Flag and Track Marshals should bring high quality gloves, hearing protection, hat/sunshade, and other PPE.

Marshal and Volunteer Program Benefits

Flag and Track Marshals are sometimes eligible for pay. If registered for a paid position, then it is a request to be paid. It is not a guarantee. Eligibility for pay is based on the registrants' marshaling experience and registration order. One may also register for a Flag or Track marshal position as a Volunteer.

Paid Flag and Track Marshals receive monetary compensation in the amount of \$140 per day typically. They also receive a parking pass, and a camping pass. Compensation will be from either MotoAmerica or the track, depending on the agreement that MotoAmerica has with the track for the event. All paid marshals will be required to submit an IRS Form W-9 (2025) to be paid. If for any reason you cannot submit a Form W-9, then please register as a volunteer.

For Paid Marshals: all meals, beverages, ice, etc. during the event are the marshal's responsibility and will not be provided by MotoAmerica, with one exception – the Marshal and Volunteer Dinner the evening of the first race day at each event. Paid Marshals are an important part of our community and are therefore invited to this dinner!

All **Volunteers** are entitled to meals and beverages at MotoAmerica hospitality, a parking pass, a camping pass, MotoAmerica SWAG, and one 3-day guest pass.

We have a designated camping area for all marshals and volunteers at each event. There is no fee to camp in these areas. The free camping areas do not have electrical or water hook-ups. A camping space with hook-ups can be reserved at most tracks for a fee. Restroom facilities, with showers, will be available for all campers.

A summary of the benefits that we provide is shown in this table:

	Pay	Camping Pass	Parking Pass	Guest Pass	Lunches Thu/Fri/Sat	SWAG	Marshal & Volunteer Dinner
Paid Flag or Track Marshal	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Volunteer Flag or Track Marshal	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grid Marshal	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tire Control Marshal	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hospitality Volunteer	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

All Marshals and Volunteers are invited to the Marshal and Volunteer Dinner at MotoAmerica Hospitality the evening of the first race day at each event. We host one or more celebrity guests from the paddock at the dinner for a short talk followed by Q&A.

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