



SCCA Solo Safety Committee
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Course Approval Responsibility

The SSC has been asked to clarify “course approvals”.

Our responsibility, when working as the Event Safety Steward, is defined in the SIIR Section 4.2. We are to review the on course and near course layout as it pertains to worker, spectator, and driver safety.

At a Regional event this may be completed some time prior to the event or on the day of the event prior to competition. If there is an issue, we are to report the issue to the event chairman and request that the issue is resolved prior to the first vehicle being allowed to compete. Once the correction or corrections are made to your satisfaction, the course is approved for competition it must not be further changed without your approval. During the course of the event, you may observe or have reported to you, a situation that would allow you question your initial approval. Again you should go to the event chairman and request that the competition cease until the situation is resolved. Once the situation is resolved, again to your satisfaction, the course is again approved, the competition may continue. The result of your actions may create other event management issues such as reruns etc., but these issues should be of no concern to you as an Event Safety Steward. On this same subject, you may also be a competitor at the event and see something while you are competing that raises an issue that you were unaware of during your initial approval. In this situation, you must report your concerns to the Safety Steward who is serving in the Event Safety Steward capacity while you are competing and request that they take your concern to the event chairman for resolution. Some Regions will allow the Event Safety Steward to pre-run the course to minimize course changes that may be needed during an event. Although this would be in conflict with Section 4.8 of the SIIR, that Section is not mandatory for Solo II events.

At an event that requires pre-approval by the Divisional Solo Safety Steward, such as an event conducted on a road course. The thing to remember is that you can only conduct an event on an approved course, if there is a need to change an approved course, it must be re-approved before competition can began. This can be complicated if the Divisional Solo Safety Steward, required for the approval, does not attend the event. If this is anticipated, the Divisional Solo Safety Steward must have the involvement of the Event Safety Steward during the approval process so they can make contingency plans that can be carried out by the Event Safety Steward, if needed, during the event. The Event Safety Steward must operate within the guidelines agreed upon by the Divisional Safety Steward

or remove the sanction of the event. For these types of events, having the Division Solo Safety Steward on hand certainly facilitates the management of the event.

On an additional subject, it is the opinion of the SSC that a Divisional Solo Safety Steward has safety dominion over the Solo Events conducted within their Division. The only exception would be National Events. Put another way, a Divisional Solo Safety Steward is not considered to be a visiting Safety Steward as defined in Appendix E Section XI.B for events within their Division except for National Events.