

Control Worker

This is a great way to get up close and personal with the sport. You will have the chance to talk to all the competitors and watch the action up close but it is a demanding and sometimes dirty, wet, and cold job too!

Vision:

What you deliver: Run safe, accurately timed stages, on schedule.

How you deliver: Follow the Instructions of your Stage Captain and give fellow workers a successful experience. Create a professional but friendly atmosphere for workers and competitors.

Responsibilities:

Stage Operations:

Arrive on time at all meeting places and your assigned control locations.

Accurately time all competitors as they arrive or depart your controls.

Assure that all non-rally traffic is not allowed on the stage during the event.

Assure the safety of every one at or around your control including spectators, fellow workers, and competitors.

Follow the directions of your Stage Captain.

Assist EMT or event officials in the event of an emergency.

Assist in the clean up of your stage by picking up all control signs, arrows, trash, and other items left by the event.

Time Requirements

Our event uses the "Stage Team" concept. Each Team works several stages during the event. In most cases the team is divided up into two working groups on at each end of the stage. In most cases each group will work both start and finish controls. The organizers make every attempt to provide enough workers on each team to allow everyone the opportunity to do some spectating, trade off jobs, and allow rest periods.

Control Marshals are needed all day on Saturday. Control crews typically head out to their control locations very early in the morning by 8 AM and will be there until all the competitors have finished their stages, about 7 PM.

If you can not work all the days of the event, please indicate this on your worker registration form and let your Control Captain know this before the event. If anything comes up that keeps you from attending the event be sure to notify your Control Captain right away. For the safety of the event it is important that we fill your position!

Environment and Necessary Equipment

The areas where the stages are run are in the high desert, so it can be hot or cold.

Layered clothing is very important. Other items you will want to be sure to have are food and drinks. Remember you will be out in the woods (wilderness) all day! Other useful items include: folding chairs, blankets, wet weather gear, clip board, flashlight, and entertainment like cards or books while you wait for the rally to reach your control.

Vehicle Requirements

This year for High Desert Trails, any normal vehicle will be okay, since the controls are located near each other and the service area parking lot. You will need to drive on dirt.