

Duty Statement

OFFICIAL OBSERVER

Each participating solar car team is allocated an Official Observer to travel with the team, record details and report progress to the Clerk of Course.

Hosted as a team member of a participating solar car team, the regulations detail the observer's responsibility to the participants and vice versa.

Observers are placed to "observe and record". The regulations preclude them from interpreting regulations or giving advice, however a broad knowledge of the regulations will be very useful in deciding what to note in the official record.

Regulation 7.2 outlines the Observers responsibility to the participant in detail:

7.2.1 To record their name and the time and the period of their observation duty

7.2.2 To record the start and stop times, the distance covered each day, and all other incidents.

7.2.3 To secure removable battery boxes or the solar vehicle at sunset.

7.2.4 To notify the Clerk of the Course at the earliest opportunity if a battery has been changed or a battery seal has been broken.

7.2.5 Observers may not interpret regulations or give advice.

Regulation 7.3 outlines the participant's responsibility to the Observer in detail:

7.3 Entrants' Responsibilities to the Observer.

7.3.1 To assist the Observer in his duties at all times.

7.3.2 To provide reasonable food and water for the Observer at least 3 times a day.

7.3.3 Never to leave the Observer alone with the car.

7.3.4 To send for assistance from the Organiser, or call in results if requested by the Observer.

7.3.5 To provide a proper seat in the primary (rear) escort vehicle.

It is expected that the Entrant will allocate the front passenger seat of the primary escort vehicle to the Official Observer. This includes fair and reasonable space with, for example, the foot well not being filled with computer equipment such that the passenger space is restricted.

7.3.6 To provide space for the Observer's luggage in the same vehicle as the Observer.

Definition

Observer is a “judge of fact”, who is assigned from time to time to travel with participating teams.

Duties

To observe and record all pertinent actions of the team to which they have been assigned.

Essential Qualifications

Have undertaken the Observer training course.

Desirable Qualifications

Senior First Aid Certificate.

Supervision

Observers work under the control of the Clerk of the Course and his deputies.

Tenure

Appointment of “Observer” status commences at sign-on in Darwin (Friday 23rd October) until sign-off in Adelaide (Saturday 31st October).

Special Conditions

Observers are required to make their own “bush” sleeping arrangements (sleeping bag/tent/swag etc) and should not pack more than they can easily carry.

All are required to attend Observer training sessions (on-line option) and formal Observer briefing in Darwin on Saturday the 24th October 2009, and general team briefings as published.

Observers from Adelaide may have the opportunity to drive/travel in the official event vehicles to Darwin prior to sign-on.

Remuneration and Accommodation

An ex-gratia payment may be made in lieu of any expenses incurred in performing the duties of Observer. This will be paid by cheque at sign-on in Darwin (unless alternative arrangements are agreed).

Volunteers working in the scrutineering or administration teams will receive 5 nights shared accommodation (Tues 20th - Sat 24th Oct inclusive).

Observers without extra duties will receive 2 nights shared accommodation (Fri 23rd Oct & Sat 24th of Oct). Individuals wishing to extend their stay or make

alternative arrangements may make alternative arrangements at their own cost, but must advise the volunteer coordinator of these arrangements.

Observers not assigned to teams, who are required to wait at Control Stops, may be provided with bunkhouse style accommodation.

Entitlements

The World Solar Challenge will provide each official Observer with:

- Uniform polo shirts.
- A hat and sunscreen.
- A wristwatch for use on the event that may be kept on completion of the event.
- Opportunity to purchase additional shirts/merchandise at cost.
- A welcome barbeque.
- Individual invitation to the Chief Ministers Reception, Darwin.
- Individual invitation to the Awards Ceremony, Adelaide.
- Road transportation between Darwin and Adelaide.