



Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix - Media Guidelines for Hot Areas

The hot track area is both exciting and dangerous. If you wish to receive media credentials to work in inside the snow fence, along the race track you must follow certain rules. In order to receive media credentials you need to read the following guidelines and sign it.

Corner workers – are both safety crew & police – do what they say – If you are not sure where to stand? Please ask!

Introduce yourself to station captain – can't tell who that is? – Ask. Whenever possible – thank them for being there (they are volunteers) and thank them for allowing you into their workplace.

Respect sight lines of Corner workers. Never cross track or move to another station without specific allowance of the workers (they may even have to radio control or the next station before allowing access – be patient.)

Make sure that they can see you at all times while not being in the way. Remember, they can remove your media credential, have you removed from the event & never invited back.

Also, there are various other workers, ambulance, firemen and tow truck personnel – be aware of them (maybe introduce yourself & thank them for being there) ask if you are in the way, be ready to move away. They are there to work. *They save lives.*

Stand up at all times when the cars are on track. Found a sweet spot? Take the photos that you need and then move so others can discover it – maybe even steer another to it as you leave.

Respect sight lines of other media people - not sure where to stand? ASK! If you make a mistake and block another's view – it's OK, we all do it once in a while but when the track is quiet; go over and apologize, and you might just meet an interesting person.

Carry out what you carry in – littering reflects poorly on us all.

Appropriate clothing: wear no bright red, black or yellow clothing These have meaning to the drivers – they are all caution or STOP colors to the drivers – white is best. When in doubt, subtle colors work best.

Wear Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, sneakers etc – no sandals or high heels or open toe shoes. Long Pants are correct & a long sleeve shirt is nice to have (in some areas of the track, it is required)

Carry your own bag – don't leave it on the ground where another may trip over it –things happen FAST!

Do not use a FLASH – the drivers need to see the workers & flags and do not need any distractions.

Always face the oncoming traffic – did I mention that things happen FAST! If you are shooting the cars moving away – be behind a sturdy barrier: and/or have someone else watching your back.

Other than your equipment – Water, sun block, a light foldable raincoat and bug spray may come in handy. Gum, granola bars, trail mix or other light snacks might be nice to have. No Alcoholic beverages until the day is over.

Note, from a driver – if there is an incident, please try a gentle reminder to a worker that the driver is more important than the car – are they in safe place? In the shade? Sitting in a chair? Do they have water? Has a medical professional checked them out? Is there someone in the paddock that might like an update as to their condition?

Have fun but remember it is *a privilege* for all of us to be close where we can document the action – consider others and BE SAFE.

[] I have read & agree to abide by the PVGP Media Guidelines

Name _____

Media Organization _____

Signature _____ Date _____

