

National STOL Volunteer Roles

General Set Up-running cables, setting up feather flags/tents/signs, measuring and striping the runway for competition, unpacking trailer/boxes, etc

Check In-checking in pilots and volunteers, getting waivers signed, distributing shirts, assembling and handing out swag bags

Merchandise-setting up and maintaining merch tent, selling merchandise, tracking inventory

Pit Security-monitoring the competitor aircraft pits and making sure only authorized personnel enter the area (prefer individuals with ground training, over the age of 18 unless under the supervision of an adult, such as CAP Squadron)

General Crowd Control-spread out along the crowd line ensuring spectators stay clear

Line Judges-alongside the runway during competition marking and communicating distances to the race officials (should be individuals with ground training, ages 18+ only)

Parking Monitors-assisting with directions in the parking lot. We try to have at least one volunteer with a golf cart to help those with mobility issues

Gate Admissions-checking pre-paid tickets and selling tickets, tracking number of spectators

Aircraft Marshals-marshaling both competitor and transient aircraft to their parking and/or staging areas (should be individuals with ground training-may or may not be needed depending on layout)

Scoring-positioned in the production trailer with the production team, receiving the distance measurements from the line judges and entering into the broadcast/scoring spreadsheet. Ideal for someone who is comfortable on a radio and with spreadsheets, but can have limited mobility

Runners/As Needed-fill in as necessary

Tear Down/Clean Up-needed Saturday late afternoon/evening, to help breakdown competition field and reload production trailer at the close of competition

Cooking-help prep meals on site for staff/volunteers (not always needed)

Thursday (4-7 Volunteers recommended)

General Set Up (3-5 individuals in addition to our staff is helpful)

Check Ins (1-2 in addition to our staff)

Friday (12-20 volunteers recommended)

Check Ins (1-2)

Merch (2-4—can share responsibilities with check ins)

Pit Security (2-3)

General Crowd Control (3-4)

Scoring (1)

Line Judge Training (5-8. Ideally, any line judges for Saturday who do NOT have experience should come out and train on Friday during practice)

Saturday (30-40...the more people we have, the more we can rotate individuals in and out and they can also watch the competition)

Early Morning Set Up (1-2)

Parking Monitors (2-3)

Gate Admissions (3 or more)

Marshaling of Competitor Aircraft (depending on where they are staged, this may or may not be necessary. If they will be crossing any spectator/public areas, 3 or 4 individuals)

Marshaling/Parking of Transient Aircraft (ideally someone associated with the airport)

Pit Security (3-4)

General Crowd Control (3-4)

Line Judges (8-10)

Scoring (1-2, can switch out midday)

Merchandise (3-4)

Runner/As Needed (nice to have 2-3 extras)

Tear Down/Clean Up (4-5 in addition to our staff—ideally who have not already worked a full day)

We bring our own production assistants that run the cameras and help operate the broadcast.

We do not allow volunteers under 18 anywhere on the runway. Whether or not they can be used in the pit area depends on if they have ground training and adult supervision (ie, a CAP squadron with a commander present could assist in this role).