

USARM DragOn Wagon Crew

We will have 2 DragOn Wagons. It is imperative that the entire DragOn Wagon Crews work as **ONE Team**. If one D/W fails – the entire team (including USARM) fails in the eyes of DORNA and FIM. Let's show how well we all work together to make a race weekend go smoothly.

Remember - YOUR DragOn Wagon Crews at Laguna have set the standard for DragOn Wagon crews around the globe. USARM is well known for how quick and professionally we handle track incidents. Let's show them exactly how we do what we do.

General Duties & Responsibilities

- 1.) Deliver equipment to all the corners prior to the start of the day.
 - a. The DragOn Wagon crew delivers all the equipment to the corners prior to the morning meeting each morning. This means you are up and moving long before everyone else.
- 2.) Worker Transport
 - a. Assist with bringing workers up the hill from worker camping area.
 - b. Deliver workers to their corners after the morning meeting then proceed to your assigned station.
- 3.) During the day
 - a. Personnel are to remain with the rig throughout the day and be prepared at all times for immediate dispatch.
 - b. Load disabled motorcycles on the rig, secure the motorcycle and guard it during the ride to the paddock
 - c. Deliver the disabled motorcycle to Tech or the pit as determined by Race Control
 - d. Proceed to assigned station immediately and prepare for immediate dispatch if needed.
- 4.) End of the day
 - a. Pick up workers and drop them at Turn 11
 - b. Pick up equipment
 - c. Restock all coolers with bottled water and ice in preparation for the morning
 - d. Organize all equipment on the trucks in preparation for the morning equipment drop off
 - e. Transport all workers, soda and beer tubs down to worker camping area for the evening
 - f. Assist with any special requests from Ted or Doug
- 5.) End of the Weekend
 - a. Organize and restock all equipment into the USARM Equipment Trailer
 - b. Empty all coolers, dry and prepare them for storage until next race

If there are issues during the weekend – we can debrief at the end of the day. And if you want to we can bring in Doug or Ted into our debrief meetings. We can discuss any issues or concerns on how we can improve things together in the evenings. The more we work together the easier this will be for everyone not to mention, more fun.

If you have a question, ask it. There are no stupid questions

Work hard, work as a team, and HAVE FUN! We are all here because we love the racing, we love the challenges, and we enjoy getting to spend time with all the workers.

DragOn Wagon Rotation Plan (Subject to Change)

NOTE: Race Control has no idea where the bikes will land during a mechanical or if they go down. One day/weekend/year it could be one specific turn that is busier and the day/weekend/next year it seems to move to another. We are running 2 trucks. Due to the outside traffic on the ring roads and the limited time on the schedule we cannot firmly set a plan in place on who will respond to what. We will be doing all we can to do keep you OFF the ring roads.

Here is our current plan but it is all subject to change depending on what happens in Race Control and on track.

Single Bike Incidents

Bike down between the exit of Turn 11 and Turn 5

1. Start/Finish DragOn Wagon will respond.
2. Other DragOn Wagon might remain at their current position

Bike down between Turn 5 and Turn 11

1. The Turn 5 DragOn Wagon will most likely respond
2. DragOn Wagon @ S/F will move to Turn 5
3. DragOn Wagon previously at Turn 5 will take up position at S/F

This should work for most single bike scenarios and will ensure we do not have to put rigs on the ring roads. Everything is subject to change depending on the event, the schedule and the need.

Multiple Bike Incidents

Multiple bike incidents responses will be determined as they happen depending what corners have multiple bikes and where they are. Sometimes both trucks might go while other times 1 might get bikes while the other truck transfers to another position. Repositioning will happen depending on any number of varying factors and issues that can affect what happens including but not limited to: track activities that we can't get through immediately, time before next session, ring road traffic, where we are in the schedule, etc.

Driver Priorities

- *The Driver should take extra care to start and stop smoothly and carefully to avoid dumping workers off the back of the truck.*
- **Keep the headset on at all times! Things happen quickly.**
- *Take good care of your crew. Ensure they are hydrated and ready to go at all times.*
- **Conduct yourself professionally!** *TV, spectators and many others can hear what you're saying and see what you're doing.*

DragOn Wagon Crew Responsibilities

Remember, the Driver will be in a loud truck with a headset on. He depends on you to keep yourself and your fellow workers safe. Always be prepared for the truck to move when you're on the truck. **Your safety is your first and utmost priority. Followed by your fellow workers.**

Duties include working the lift gate (GateKeeper); tying off the bike, initial loading the bike. Everyone should know what their duties are. That's why there are 6 to a truck - a Driver, GateKeeper and 4 guys to coordinate loading the bike. Past experience shows that couple guys on the ground with the bike and the other 2 in the bed of the truck can work well. Of course with multiple bikes, things change.

- ✓ Ensure required equipment is on board and ready to go.
- ✓ Watch and listen to the Driver/Gatekeeper for a signal that you are going.
- ✓ Stay close to the truck and be aware of what's happening on the race track. Watch each other's backs, things happen fast sometimes.
- ✓ **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR TRUCK - EVEN IF A BIKE GOES DOWN AT YOUR CORNER - UNLESS DISPATCHED**
- ✓ **When a radio call comes about a rider down - All personnel should scramble** to quickly board the truck and secure themselves - be prepared to enter the course. Note: You might be going to the incident OR you might be moving to take up another position.
- ✓ When loading a bike, move quickly but safely & smoothly. With due concern for the racebike, we don't need to add to the damage it might already have, place damaged side against gates if that needs done. Try to work with the cornerworkers that have brought the bike to the edge of the track.
- ✓ **Everything on the bikes could be HOT**, use your gloves at all times.
- ✓ Pick-up and secure the motorcycle and all pieces/parts that may be nearby.
- ✓ Assist with clean-up if necessary
- ✓ Make sure the ignition is off, No one gets burned on the truck
- ✓ Watch for fuel leaks, tilt the bike if you have to. (**contain fluid spills**)
- ✓ Undamaged bikes can be ridden by someone in the back of the truck as long as they are secured.
- ✓ Unload the bike off the gate and hand it to the crew quickly (**MotoGP only**) AMA bikes will go to tech
- ✓ **Don't get into confrontations with the crews** (sometimes they can be hard to deal with)
- ✓ Keep the bed of the truck clean so you don't slip
- ✓ **Stay hydrated, it's a long day.**
- ✓ After each run, discuss with each other what went well and what needs improving. Did everyone do things safely?

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Morning & Evening Duties

The Morning Routine

DW crews have to be up and ready to go before the rest of the group to get up the hill and put out all the equipment - grease sweep, brooms, fire bottles, number boards, coolers, etc. Be early and ready to work (morning comes very early !)

- Deliver equipment to all the corners prior to the start of the day. **When we put out equipment, make sure it is at least 2 feet off the track and placed neatly and counted accurately.**
- Transport workers from the camping area to Turn 11 - *Help workers & their gear in/out of the truck, if needed.*
- Transport workers to their corner stations. - *Help workers & their gear in/out of the truck, if needed*

End of the Day Wrap Up

- Pick up workers and drop them at Turn 11 - *Help workers & their gear in/out of the truck, if needed*
- Pick up equipment
- Transport workers down to Worker Camping area - *Help workers & their gear in/out of the truck, if needed*
- Transport all soda and beer tubs down to worker camping area for the evening
- The work is not done when we get back to worker camping, everyone needs to pitch in and help with the last duties :
 - a. Organize all equipment on the trucks in preparation for the morning equipment drop off
 - b. Restock all coolers with bottled water and ice in preparation for the morning

Other Recommendations

1. Driver should have a clipboard and notepad to keep track of bikes that need to be picked up.
2. Drink Water
3. Have Fun !!! Not everyone gets to do this.