



**May 27, 2023 Update**

## **Frequently Asked Questions for 2023 Detroit Grand Prix SCCA Volunteers**

### **THE EVENT**

The SCCA Detroit Region is once again pleased to support the Chevrolet Belle Isle Grand Prix of Detroit Grand Prix which returns to the Motor City **Friday 2 thru Sunday June 4, 2023**.

This race is the 33rd the Detroit Region has played a part in since 1982.

The event will feature the cars of the Verizon IndyCar and Indy Light Series, the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and Masters Historic Racing.

#### **Q: What is the race schedule?**

**A:** The latest available schedule will be posted on the MTM website.

#### **Q: Tell me about the Streets of Detroit road course.**

**A:** The temporary street course is located in downtown Detroit. The track map is posted on MTM and the Detroit Grand Prix page <https://detroitgp.com/>.

#### **ABOUT THE DETROIT GRAND PRIX**

The Detroit Grand Prix is a 501(c)3 organization and a subsidiary of the Downtown Detroit Partnership. Scheduled for June 2-4, 2023, the event will return to the streets of Downtown Detroit for the first time since 1991. The Grand Prix will include the Chevrolet INDYCAR Grand Prix featuring the cars of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES, the sports cars of the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge, the rising stars of racing competing in INDY NXT by Firestone and the iconic muscle cars of the Trans Am Series presented by Pirelli. For more information, visit [www.DetroitGP.com](http://www.DetroitGP.com) and follow our social media pages at [www.facebook.com/detroitgp](https://www.facebook.com/detroitgp), [www.twitter.com/detroitgp](https://www.twitter.com/detroitgp), and [www.instagram.com/detroitgp](https://www.instagram.com/detroitgp).

Belle Isle has hosted the Detroit Grand Prix races from 1992-2001, 2007-2008, 2012-2017, 2019-2022. Prior to Belle Isle, Grand Prix races were held on the streets of Downtown Detroit dating back to 1982, and the event will be returning there this year. Wikipedia has the entire [historical information](#).

There are a total of 27 stations including Start and Finish. The stations are organized in six sectors with sector chiefs and corner leads.

### **REGISTRATION**

**Q: How do I sign up to be an SCCA volunteer for the 2023 CDBIGP?**

**A: Registration can be found here** > <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/scca-workers-detroit-grand-prix-downtown-577268>

**Q: What is the deadline for online registration?**

**A: Registration closes on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:59 am.** Volunteers who have registered by May 25 have been notified of turn assignments.

**Q: Must I be an SCCA member to work the Detroit Grand Prix?**

**A:** For insurance purposes, all hot track workers must be SCCA members. Yes, but weekend coverage is available.

As an incentive, Detroit Region members are awarded one worker point per day which is worth five dollars for membership, merchandise, events, etc. Additionally, discounted temporary weekend memberships are available.

If you are not presently an SCCA member, our Membership Director, Sonja Marie ([membership@detroit-scca.org](mailto:membership@detroit-scca.org)) can provide information about worker points and about obtaining an SCCA membership.

**Q: What if I hold a CASC, USAC or FIA license?**

**A:** However, you will still need to join SCCA for the race. We will have weekend memberships available at Registration if you do not want the annual membership.

**Q: I am a member of the DGPA (Detroit Grand Prix Association), do I qualify?**

**A:** The DGPA is a separate organization, unaffiliated with the SCCA, which provides on-site volunteers for the Grand Prix in the areas of hospitality/customer relations, info booths, ushers/ticket takers, etc.

Some of our recent Flaggers have come from the ranks of the DGPA circuit marshals, however previous DGPA experience, although appreciated, does not qualify one to be an SCCA Flagger without additional training, experience and certification. See the 'Flagging & Communications' section below for information about required F&C training.

**Q: Which race specialties are you looking for at the Grand Prix?**

**A:** The greatest need is for Flagging & Communications workers, however we also provide Emergency Services, Equipment, Hospitality, Registration, and Timing & Scoring volunteers.

**Q: When and where do I pick up my credentials?**

**A:** Once your application is reviewed and accepted, you will be emailed details on when and where to pick up credentials.

**Q: Will guest tickets be available?**

**A:** A limited number of weekend general admission tickets may be available. More information to follow. Guest tickets should be requested on the worker registration form.

Also note that Friday, June 2 is “Free Prix Day” with free general admission for everyone.

Saturday and Sunday there are several free viewing locations. Reserved grandstand seating, general admission and/or paddock pass tickets may be purchased directly from the Detroit

Grand Prix website: <http://detroitgp.com/tickets/> or by calling 866-464-7749. **TICKET HOTLINE:  
866.464.PRIX**

**Q: Will there once again be a worker dinner on Thursday evening?**

**A:** Yes! This is the “calm before the storm” and is a good time to relax and socialize with your fellow volunteers. This year’s dinner event will once again take place at [Sinbad’s Restaurant](#) along the Detroit River, however you must request a ticket as part of the registration process. You may also purchase additional guest tickets for this dinner event.

**Q: What other give-aways are there?**

**A:** In previous years there were a multitude of hats, series memorabilia, and a great event shirt that’s great to wear off track. All 2023 Detroit Grand Prix workers will receive a commemorative 2023 DBIGP patch and shirt.

We will also have a delicious outdoor dinner with hot food (and beer!) on both Friday and Saturday nights for all SCCA workers.

**Working Flagging & Communications**

**Q: I am a new Flagger or have never flagged, can I still volunteer?**

**A:** Maybe, however to ensure proper knowledge and safety, new Flaggers must attend a sanctioned F&C training session, such as New Flaggers School at Waterford Hills, and must work a minimum of two full race days prior to the Grand Prix. An individual performance assessment will be made prior to the race Weekend. If qualified, invitations will then be sent out to the new Flaggers who previously registered to work the Grand Prix. Contact Cindy Wisner, the Detroit SCCA F&C Chief for details at [cindywisner@gmail.com](mailto:cindywisner@gmail.com)

**Q: I have flagged before, however I’m concerned that I don’t think I have enough days in order to qualify to work a pro event. Can I still work the Grand Prix?**

**A:** It is still possible to work the Grand Prix if the Chief in your region or at your local track is willing to write an (email) recommendation. Contact the Detroit SCCA Specialty Chief of your area of expertise for further information.

**Q: The event is Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. What if I can't work all three days?**

**A:** Priority will be given to volunteers who can work all three days. It's very important for each corner team to achieve cohesiveness and the camaraderie that results in working professionally and safely on a street course at a high-profile professional race event. In addition, it is critical that we are fully staffed for Friday Practice/Qualifying.

Petitions for less than three days will be considered if there are extra openings.

**Q: Can I work different corner stations during the three-days?**

**A:** For the Detroit Grand Prix course, every corner station must function as a cohesive team. By working all three days at one corner you get to know all of the nuances that are associated with your "territory." As such, we have always maintained that Flaggers need to work the same corner all three days of this event. Please note that each corner will have more than one location and this year we also will be organizing volunteers in sectors.

**Q: How do I get to work a particular corner or with a particular group of people?**

**A:** There is an area on the registration form that you can use to let us know your preferences. Of course, both the earlier you submit your application and let us know this information, the better the chances are that we can accommodate your wishes.

**Q: Where do I park?**

**A:** Parking for volunteers will be in the Millender Garage. You will need parking pass to park and will be able to walk from the garage to the RenCen during this weekend event. Volunteers will be shuttled to corner stations after morning meetings. You will receive detailed directions in the information packet that will be provided to you at registration.

**Note: YOU MUST REQUEST A PARKING PASS AS PART OF THE WORKER REGISTRATION PROCESS.**

**Q: Where do I meet on race days? What time are the F&C morning meetings?**

**A:** The schedule is subject to change **DETROIT GRAND PRIX UPDATE MAY 25, 2023**

Day	Parking BE THERE	Morning Meeting	Trucks Leave	On phones/cars on track	Lunch	End of Racing Day
Friday	6am opens 5am	6:30 am	7:15 am	7:45/7:55	11:20 am	Approx. 6:30 pm
Saturday	6:15 am opens 5am	6:45 am	7:15 am	8:10/8:15	11:40 am	Approx. 6:00 pm
Sunday	6:30 am opens 5am	7:00 am	7:50 am	8:10	12:20 pm	Approx. 5:30 pm

We are NOW meeting in the Conference Room in the Ren Cen. Walk from the parking garage to the Conference Room in the Ren Cen -- We will have maps and volunteers to direct you to the Conference Room. (DGP war room)  
In the Conference Room we will have coffee and donuts and seating for the meeting.

**Q: What gear should I bring to the island?**

**A:** Bring your usual F&C items. Our recommended list >  
<https://www.michiganturnmarshals.org/gear-guide>

Box lunches, water and ice will be delivered daily to each station. Bring a trash bag for your gear in the event of rain. Also bring an umbrella for shade. Please bring your cell phone in case there is need for evacuation and we will need to reach you to return to track-side.

You can mark your gear with a tag and the gear will be collected and securely stored overnight Friday and Saturday nights. Sector chiefs and corner leads will have tags and markers

The stations are equipped with fire extinguishers, flags, and landline radios, however most do not have benches, so a folding chair is highly recommended. A 5 gallon bucket will be provided at several turns that can be used as a chair.

**TRAVEL / LODGING**

**Q: I'm from out of town. What type of accommodations are there during the race?**

**A:** Hotel info can be found at [www.visitdetroit.com](http://www.visitdetroit.com).

**Q: Are camping facilities available for this event?**

**A:** Unfortunately, camping is not available for this event. There are a few campgrounds located in suburbs near the city. <https://campgrounds.rvlife.com/regions/michigan/detroit>

**Q: How do I get to Detroit?**

**A:** All roads lead to the Motor City. Take I-75, I-94, I-96 or Ontario Hwy 401/402/403 to get to the Detroit Metro area. Consult your favorite GPS device.

**Q: Or which airport should I fly into?**

**A:** Many commercial airlines provide service to Metro Airport ([DTW](#)) which is located 26 miles west of Downtown Detroit. Other nearby airports with limited commercial air service include Windsor Ontario ([YQG](#)), Flint Michigan ([FNT](#)) and Toledo Ohio ([TOL](#)).

**Q: How do I get from the airport to the city?**

**A:** Public bus transportation is improving, however is not recommended due to the infrequent and varied schedules and routes. We recommend that you use uber/lyft, [rental cars](#) or [taxi/limo services](#) that are available to/from airports, stations and hotel locations.

**Q: What other transportation is available?**

**A:** The Detroit area is also serviced by [Amtrak](#) train service and [Greyhound](#) bus service, with stops Downtown and at a number of suburban stations. [Via Rail](#) provides service from Canadian cities to the Windsor station.

**Q: How can I find out the latest information about working the event?**

**A:** The latest Grand Prix press releases can be found at > <http://www.detroitgp.com/news/>

We will continue to update the MTM News and Grand Prix & FAQs webpages

[https://www.michiganturnmarshals.org/#:~:text=Michigan%20Turn%20Marshals%20\(MTM\)%20is,recruiting%20for%20Motorsports%20Corner%20Marshaling](https://www.michiganturnmarshals.org/#:~:text=Michigan%20Turn%20Marshals%20(MTM)%20is,recruiting%20for%20Motorsports%20Corner%20Marshaling).