

## **Cones Setters**

Cones Setters will be briefed by the TD, judge, and/or courses designer. Once out on the course, you will be assigned a “zone” of the cones pairs (aka obstacles). You will receive a radio and a cones measurement stick, which is a telescopic pole with centimeter measurements on it.

At different levels of competition, cones are set a certain number of centimeters wider than the pre-measured wheel width of a carriage- you do not need to do this math! You will here only the total measurement over the radio or PA from the Wheel Measurement station. Once you hear the new measurement, set your measuring stick to that width. When you have your measurement and the course is clear, approach your assigned cones. Each set of cones will be “marked”, meaning that the edge of the right hand cone is spray painted on the ground. This cone will remain stationary throughout the competition.

Using your measuring stick, you will measure from the right cone (stationary, marked cone), adjusting the left to the current measurement- be sure not to change the angle of the cones pair.

Your other duty is to make sure that no balls are left down on your cones. Listen to the radio during each driver’s turn to make sure that all penalties on your cones are recorded- if not, radio the judge before you reset the ball.

No one but the driver is allowed on course while the clock is running. Always wait until the driver has finished the course before setting cones in your zone. After your cones are adjusted and all balls are up, check the numbers and other course markers to be sure they are still in place (they tend to blow over).

During the event, be as quiet as possible so as not to distract the drivers and equines. Be sure to pay close attention to each measurement and obstacle- many a protest has been filed for a mismeasured obstacle, ball not replaced, or obstacle not reset. You have the best seat in the house- enjoy watching each driver’s course!