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**PCA DE Chairs, Chief Driving Instructors, Safety Chairs and Region Officials,**

**Each Region: PLEASE pass this on to your CDI or designee in your region chiefly responsible for DE Instructors and track events. It is better that they receive this multiple times instead of not at all.**

**RE: Instruction using Lead Follow Techniques for PCA**

The PCA Drivers Education program has been centered around in-car instruction. For many years, we have been considered the “Gold Standard” of DE instruction. For regions who can not conduct in-car instruction, we have developed and implemented a Lead-Follow DE Instruction program which lives up to that standard and maintains the priority of safety to both the student and instructor. The first training for this was in October.

PCA Lead Follow is an instruction tool where **one** Novice follows **one** Instructor around the track at a predetermined distance, at instructor set speeds, with, at least, one-way voice communication from Instructor to Novice. There can be 4-5 Instructor/student groups per track mile. Instructors utilizing LF techniques must be individually selected by the region. The region must adhere to all Minimum Standards, both DE and Lead-Follow.

Areas of the country where local mandates prohibit in-car instruction, may use the PCA Lead Follow Method of instruction after proper training. Training consists of completion of ALL of the following:

- Local selection of Current instructors to conduct this training
- Study of the PCA Lead Follow Instructional video <https://youtu.be/p5VpfuoPKx8>
- Thorough understanding of and adherence to the [L-F Minimum Standards](#) (Attached)
- Regional selection of voice communication devices to be used ([See attached sample devices](#))
- Review and understanding of the [L-F Introduction & Requirements presentation](#) (Attached)
- In-person training of the regional CDI (at a minimum) to select and teach local instructors. Training conducted by a Nationally specified, “A” rated, National Lead Follow Instructor. ([View Coaching Guide](#))

If your region is interested in training your CDI and Instructors in L-F, please email me to set up the details and potential training dates. This does require access to a classroom, vehicles and a track. A region planning to utilize Lead Follow will want to get initial training completed prior to the first DE event in time to select and train more instructors.

Thank you for all your time and effort to make PCA's DE program a safe and successful one. If you have questions or feedback, please let me know!

Catch you in the Curves!

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**Resources:**

[Lead-Follow Introduction PPT](#)

[Lead-Follow Minimum Standards Version 3.3 \(12/15/2020\)](#)

[Lead-Follow Communication Devices Version 3 \(11/5/2020\)](#)

[Lead-Follow Coaching Guide Version 7.0 \(12/15/2020\)](#)

[Lead-Follow Instructional video](#)

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