



**Porsche Club of America  
DE Novice (non-Solo) Lead/Follow Instruction  
Program Objectives and Requirements**

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# Introduction

- COVID-19 restrictions prevent Novice driver in car instruction in many PCA Regions. It is not clear when these restrictions will be lifted, and they will continue into our 2021 DE program.
- PCA has developed a program for Novice instruction that does not require in-car instruction called “Lead-Follow (L-F) Instruction”.
- In an L-F program, the instructor drives their car leading the student around the track. The instructor coaches the student via a car-to-car communicator.



# Lead-Follow (L-F) Instruction - Introduction

- Lead-Follow Instruction is a temporary Novice instruction technique for use where in-car instruction is not an option.
- L-F will provide a Novice student with an introduction to HPDE. L-F does not qualify students to be solo drivers. The CDI will determine when a student is ready for solo participation.
- L-F is a Program consisting of in-paddock basic car control instruction, on-track instruction and pre-/post-session debriefs.
- L-F will not be provided to Solo-qualified students.
- L-F requires instructors who have met L-F training requirements.
- L-F must be conducted in a separate run group.



# Lead-Follow (L-F) Instruction - Objectives

- Lead-Follow DE Instruction provides an opportunity for non-solo students to experience on-track driving without an instructor in-car
- L-F Instruction will:
  - Introduce novices to track driving in a safe manner
  - Demonstrate all fundamental track driver behaviors
  - Demonstrate the position, timing, and degree of steering, braking and throttle inputs at all points on the track
  - Control the student's pace to ensure they are comfortable and capable of learning
  - Maintain a safe distance between the instructor and student vehicles at all times



# Lead-Follow (L-F) Instruction - Requirements

- Lead Follow DE Instruction has a separate set of Minimum Standards. All other PCA DE Minimum Standards will apply.
- L-F DE Program will require:
  - Region to implement the L-F Program per the Minimum Standards
  - A separate run group for L-F Novices
    - All instruction will be 1 instructor : 1 student (pod)
    - Estimated 4-5 pods per track mile
  - Minimum one-way voice communication between Instructor and Novice
    - FRS/GMRS/UHF/VHF Radios, Bluetooth vehicle-to-vehicle communicators, and FM transmitters are all acceptable
    - Emergency hand and light signals have been defined



# Lead-Follow (L-F) Instruction - Requirements

## – L-F instructor training and practice

- PCA DE has conducted an instructor train-the-trainer session. Additional sessions are in discussion. PCA DE has developed L-F videos, an L-F Program guide and a Communicator guide for Region DE use.
- Region CDIs will select L-F instructor candidates
- PCA-Trained Instructors will be available to Regions for local Instructor training and practice. Newly trained regional instructors will need practice prior to being assigned novice students.
- Instructors will be required to use their own vehicles when teaching via L-F

## – Regional Requirements

- L-F training including Support Staff. Region, Track, and Emergency Response staff
- L-F event logistics
- Determination of track speeds
- Communication of Emergency Procedures
- Event debrief and improvement action items



# Lead-Follow (L-F) – Instructor Requirements

## • "A" Instructors

1. Candidate must be a National Trainer, a Regional CDI or equivalent, or a National DE Committee member
2. Must be trained by a National Trainer or a National DE Committee member in L-F.
3. Can Train "B" instructors in L-F instructing

## • "B" Instructors

1. Candidate may be any existing regional instructor as selected by the regional CDI.
2. May be trained by any "A" instructor in L-F.
3. Instructs students – not other instructors in instructing L-F



# Lead Follow Program – Discussion and Feedback

- Questions
- Discussion
- Action Items

