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To: Regional Presidents and Regional Chief Driving Instructors
Re: Expanded Passing

The Expanded Passing experiment is complete and the PCA Executive Council has approved the program for use at Regional DE events with the following rules:

1. The Expanded Passing will be run **ONLY** in the Instructor Run Group.
2. The Expanded Passing will include all portions of the track including turns **WITH A HAND SIGNAL** initiating the pass.
3. When entering a turn with another car. **NO ONE OWNS THE TURN.** Each driver is entitled to 50% of the track..as if there was a white line through the center of the turn.
4. No more than two cars side by side in the turn.
5. The only passengers, at this time, are other Instructors or designated Coaches.
6. This program is self policed and any passing done without a signal or over aggressive driving may result in expulsion from this program.
7. All members of the designated run group must participate in expanded passing. Any Instructor who does not care to participate must move to another run group.

This program is Regional optional, but if you decide to include this program in your DE events, I have listed below some guidelines on how to get started.

1. Send information about the program to your Instructor corps prior to the event.
2. Hold a mandatory meeting with the members of the run group designated for Expanded Passing describing the program. A special arm band could be used to insure attendance.
3. The first part of the first driving session will use the following procedure:
The cars will proceed onto the track and "pair up" side by side. They commence around the track for two laps at 50 % speed side by side. The purpose is to acquaint the drivers with side by side experiences in the turns. After two laps, the group is "black flagged". Once the group is in the hot pits, the group can then proceed onto the track and the expanded passing begins.

Several items need to be stressed in the Expanded Passing driver's meeting:

1. This program is a privilege and can be revoked if it becomes an insurance liability.
2. All signals **MUSE BE** demonstratively clear and one for each car.
3. All signals are "real time". If you initiate a pass with a signal, expect a car to pass at the time you give the signal..not at the next straight away.
4. All signals are a contract between two drivers. If you initiate, let the car pass. If you are given a signal and decline, you must wave off the signal.

There are several reasons for initiating the Expanded Passing program. Many regions are losing Instructors to other smaller organizations that have successfully adopted some form of expanded passing. We feel that this program will foster a better understanding of situational awareness. Basically, it will be fun for our Instructors, which are our prized commodity. Without our excellent Instructor corps, our DE program would not exist.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any question or concerns with this new program.

Thank you for your time and all you do for PCA.

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