

RSP PCA Instructor Training

We are very proud of our instructor core in the Rally Sport Region and are always looking for candidates that can add talent. We take the instruction of performance driving very seriously, and as such we are extremely selective with our instructors. While we want to continue to grow the corps of those who enjoy the sport of performance driving, what we do does come with risk. Every track has challenges, no two cars are the same and every driver is unique. We hold our instructors to the highest standards and expect them all to be ambassadors for our club.

As an instructor for RSR-PCA,

- You will be expected to help out around the track as well as in your student's car, including setup and clean up, cone placement /retrieval and car tech.
- You will be required to work with students, riding in their car for as many sessions as they need that day/weekend to be safe on their own.
- You will be required to purchase (at your own expense) and maintain a helmet-to-helmet communication system.
- You may have as many as 3 students at one time so it is your responsibility to come to an event healthy and well-rested. Alcoholic beverage consumption the night before is strongly discouraged.
- You will be responsible for your students the entire day even after you sign them solo. What happens is a direct reflection of your work with them.

If you would like to become an instructor with us, contact Christian Maloof, RSR-PCA Chief Instructor, to apply. Once a RSR-PCA Instructor Trainee is accepted, they will be given a series of tests by experienced RSR-PCA instructors. These tests will be given in-car, and represent real world scenarios meant to challenge the trainee. The instructor will give trainee constructive feedback after the test but the trainee will not know whether they have passed the test until approached by the Chief Instructor for final review. The Chief Instructor will review each of the trainee's tests with a minimum of 3 different instructors. Once the trainee has passed at least 3 of these tests the Chief Instructor will administer the final review. If the trainee passes all of the requirements they will be approved to instruct at all our venues.

Before you inquire about instructing you will want to be well versed in the following:

- Vehicle dynamics (what a car is doing and why?): we don't need mechanical engineers but you are expected to know about weight transfer and friction circles.
- Driving skill: you are not expected to be fast or the fastest out there. However, if you are unable to drive a car at the limit it is unlikely you will be able to instruct

another about it. Typically instructors have more than 10yrs of high performance driving experience.

- Thorough knowledge of “the line.” There is typically one accepted school line at every track. You should know it without hesitation as well as track features and hazards. You should know where to put the car and why, negative ramifications and possible wet line implications. If you are new to a track it will be your responsibility to learn prior to an event that you will be instructing.
- Be confident and in control of the situation: you will need to be the “boss” in the car with your student. You should be very comfortable in all situations in your own car so that you can assertively convey that to your student.
- Know all flags, off-track procedures and track-specific particulars (for example blend lines and pit details). This is often overlooked but paramount for safety and fun!
- Great Communication skills: Often professors, coaches and other types of teachers make better Instructors than race car drivers. If you can't communicate with your student, your talent is worthless as a driving instructor.
- Balance positivism and enthusiasm with honesty and constructiveness. We don't need hyper-critical instructors, but it also doesn't help to give blanket compliments to a student. Your job will be to improve the student and have fun while you do it!

Still Interested? Contact Christian Maloof, RSR PCA Chief Instructor track@rsp.pca.org