

# Eastern Veteran's Cycling Club

## Roles and Responsibilities

### Lead/Follow Car Driver

The role of the Lead/Follow Car Driver is to drive a car suitably marked with signage and flashing light ahead of, or following, the race to warn other motorists and road users that there is a cycle race in progress.

The responsibility of the Lead/Follow Car Drivers is to the competitors to ensure that other vehicles on the road are aware of their presence. The Follow Car Driver has the added responsibility to all competitors to ensure that they all get back to the finish safely.

The Lead Car Driver should maintain her/his vehicle 100-200 metres ahead of the first rider in the race and should drive in such a way that they do not impede or impact the race in any way (disallow drafting, impede a descent\*). The Lead Car Driver may be called upon to stop the race if a situation arises that threatens the safety of the competitors (eg. washed out bridge), if this situation arises the driver is to stop their vehicle and flag down the race with their arms.

The Lead Car Driver should allow following traffic past as soon as is safely possible.

The Follow Car Driver should maintain his/her vehicle 50 - 100 metres behind the last competitor on the road. The Follow Car Driver **MUST NOT** pass a cyclist wearing a number.

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In addition to this the Follow Car Driver may be required to act as a sag-wagon if a competitor is unable to complete the course, this is to be at the discretion of the driver, he/she may call for assistance from other officials/helpers.

As a courtesy the Follow Car Driver should inform helpers on the course that the race is on its last lap (where applicable).

The Follow Car Driver should be fully conversant with the accident and injuries procedures and should carry a mobile phone, or means of communications that will enable them to call for assistance if required.

In addition to the duties of Lead/Follow Car Driver the individuals assigned these roles may be required to assist in the setting up of the course for the event and in the disassembly of the course afterwards (see appendix below).

\* Note Competitors can descend to Powelltown faster than a car, the Lead Car driver must allow for this and be well ahead of the race at the top of the descent.