

AMERICAN MOTORS OWNERS ASSOCIATION CONCOURS RULES

1. INTRODUCTION

- A. The rules set forth herein are intended to be the rules used for judging AMC vehicles entered in Concours d'Elegance events sanctioned by "American Motors Owners Association", hereinafter referred to as AMO.
- B. It is the intention of these rules to be clear and concise. They are designed to treat with equality, all AMC vehicles eligible for competition be they stock, restored, custom, or modified.
- C. All guidelines and edicts set forth herein are designed to comply with and support fully, the constitution and spirit of AMO.

2. CONCOURS OFFICIALS

- A. A Manager, Concours Events shall be appointed by the AMO Board of Directors. Length of appointment shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The Manager, Concours Events shall be responsible for all activities in and dealing with all National and Regional AMO sanctioned events. The Manager, Concours Events shall be directly responsible to the AMO President, and then the AMO Board of Directors.
- B. A Concours Designate shall be appointed either by the Manager, Concours Events or the Board of Directors, depending on the circumstances involved, to fill the position of Manager, Concours Events in his/her absence. The Concours Designate shall assume the full responsibilities of the Manager, Concours Events in such cases.
- C. The Manager, Concours Events, shall appoint Concours Judges. The Manager, Concours Events shall determine the eligibility of the judges and see that all judges are properly instructed as to the procedures and rules used for judging.
- D. The Manager, Concours Events, shall appoint Concours Scorers. The Manager, Concours Events shall determine the eligibility of the scorers and see that all scorers are properly instructed as to the procedures and rules used for scoring.
- E. The Manager, Concours Events, as their need is deemed necessary, shall appoint various support committees. The Manager, Concours Events, shall determine length of service.

3. ENTRANTS

- A. Only those vehicles owned in whole or in part by a current dues paying member of AMO shall be eligible to participate in the Concours competition. A current membership card shall be proof of same.
- B. Each entrant shall be responsible for properly registering his/her vehicle not less than one hour prior to the commencement of judging. Additionally, each entrant shall be responsible for the proper classification of his/her vehicle. The Manager Concours Events shall make the decision on any disputes in this area. Any person found supplying false information shall be disqualified from competitive eligibility for that particular event.
- C. Each entrant shall be charged a fee for having a vehicle judged, in addition to that amount charged by the club for entry onto the field. The Manager Concours Events shall set this fee. The amount of this fee shall be announced at the general membership meeting prior to the Concours event. Said fee is payable in advance or at registration on the field for judging.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- A. A minimum of seven (7) classes shall be used in the National AMO Sanctioned Concours Event. It is suggested that AMO Sanctioned Regional Events divide their classes in a manner, which is most equitable for the particular event. Any decision to make changes should be made by the Manager Concours Events.
- B. The seven (7) major classes to be used shall be as follows:

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| 1. Rambler Class | 1958 through 1969 model years |
| 2. AMC Class | 1970 through 1988 model years |
| 3. AMX Class | AMX's 1968 through 1970 model years |
| 4. Javelin Class | Javelins 1968 through 1974 model years |
| 5. Hurst Class | SC/Rambler-1969 model year
Rebel Machines-1970 model year
Hornet SC/360-1971 model year
SS/AMX |
| 6. - Jeep Class | 1970 through 1987 model years |
| 7. Trial Class | Rambler/AMC Modified Class defined as Rambler/AMC's
that are not powered by an Rambler/AMC engine |

Note: Pro-Street Vehicles will be listed under Non-Stock in their respective classes.

- 1. The entity determining the year of the car shall be the model year, not necessarily the year of manufacture, IE. A 1971 model built in September 1970 is classified as a 1971 model. All vehicles, regardless of classification, shall be AMC-powered.
- 2. All Classes may further be broken down into Stock and Non-stock subclasses.

- A. Three optional major classes may be used in addition to the above listed classes, providing that there is at least one entry:

1. SPECIAL INTEREST CLASS

1. In order to be eligible for this class, the vehicle must be a prototype, a one-off production model, a model built specially for a given event (IE. a movie), or a model built for a celebrity. Documentation must be presented in any case in question. In all cases, the Manager Concours Events shall determine the eligibility of any such vehicle.

2. RACE CAR CLASS

1. Specially modified racecars are eligible for this class. Entries in this class must be AMC-bodied and AMC-powered.

3. DISPLAY CLASS

1. This class shall be any AMC car not being judged

4. TRIAL CLASS

1. Modified Class-This will be a trial class for 3 years to start 7/19/03 ending 7/19/2006. This class will be reviewed in July of 2005 to see what kind of interest has been showed in this class.
2. This class is based on Non-Rambler/AMC powered vehicles.
3. This class will be based on Junior Class judging only at this time.

- B. The Junior Division shall be for those vehicles not having achieved a minimum of 190 points in the "Gold Award" group. Once a vehicle achieves this point level it shall then be eligible to move into the Senior Division. If such a vehicle is sold, it shall revert back to the Junior Division until the new owner achieves the 190-point levels.

5. JUDGING

- A. The Manager Concours Events shall appoint Judges. Ideally, judges shall be members in good standing AMO and free from prejudices and favoritism. When circumstances so warrant, non-members may be used as judges.
- B. A minimum of four (4) and preferably five (5) judges shall be used for each class. A minimum of two (2) preferably three (3) for the racecar class. Under no circumstances shall a judge have a vehicle entered in the class which he/she is to judge. In line with this rule, no spouse or boyfriend/girlfriend shall be allowed to judge a class under the same circumstances. In the event that a team consists of four judges (two for racecars) the team captain shall also serve as a field judge.
- C. The Manager Concours Events shall appoint a Team Captain for each tem. It shall be the Team Captain's responsibility to see that each vehicle judged equally on the judging sheet. During this process, bias shall be avoided and judges shall be guided by the Team Captain to ensure equity. Each Team Captain shall collect registration forms from the vehicles as they are judged, and turn them plus the judging sheets in to the scorers.
- D. Through a judges' meeting held prior to the start of the actual judging, all judges shall be made aware of the methods and procedures used in judging. Following the meeting, each team should casually walk through the area of vehicles which they will be judging, thus giving themselves an opportunity to become familiar with the vehicles which have been entered for competition.
- E. It is not necessary for the entrant to be at his/her vehicle when the judges are ready to judge the vehicle. Vehicles will not be opened during the judging. The only possible touching of the vehicle will be the opening and closing of doors, which shall be done by the team captain or the interior judge in the absence of the owner.
 1. All vehicles shall be judged in the same manner. Whatever is used as a basis for judging one vehicle shall be used in the same manner for all other vehicles.
 2. All soft tops shall remain in the "up" position; all hoods and trunks will remain open. Windows will be in the "up" position but may be opened slightly for ventilation.
 3. Judges shall not mark down for neatly placed cleaning materials located at a discreet distance from the vehicle in competition. They shall score down, however, when such materials and/or litter are inappropriately spread close to and around the vehicle.
 4. Failure to have a hood or trunk opened shall result in a loss of all judging points in that area, with the exception of special consideration given in the event of rain.
 5. No stanchions, ropes, tents over vehicles, chains or any other restricting devices around and or over vehicles. All area is to be clear for judges to be able to judge the vehicles. If these devices are present, disqualification from judging will occur.
- F. All writing done on the judging sheets shall be in ink. Any change made must be initialed by both the judge and the Team Captain.
- G. Under no circumstances shall any information on the judging sheets or about the judging as a whole, be discussed with anyone outside of the officials of the Concours in connection with assigned duties.
- H. Vehicles judged at an AMO event will be judged solely by AMO at that event. Vehicles shall not be allowed to be judged by any other club at that same event on that day. To do so forfeits the AMO award. Vehicles can be entered in only one category per event.
- I. Judging score sheets will be retained by AMO for a four-year period.

6. SCORING

- A. The Manager Concours Events shall appoint scorers. Ideally, scorers shall be members in good standing of AMO.
- B. The Manager Concours Events shall determine the number of scorers needed.
- C. Scorers may act as runners in gathering the completed judging sheets along with the registration forms of the judged cars. Under no circumstances shall any scorer/runner discuss any of the information on the judging sheets with anyone outside of the officials within the scoring group.
- D. Results of the scoring shall be announced by the Manager Concours Events during an official awards presentation or at another place and time as previously determined and publicly announced prior to the event.

7. PROTESTS

- A. All protests must be filed in writing with the Manager Concours Events fifteen minutes prior to the start of judging. The Manager Concours Events shall rule upon such protests before the vehicle is judged. This decision shall be final and binding. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- B. Copies of the judging sheets shall be made available to the entrants, upon request only, not sooner than thirty-(30)- days following the event. A self addressed, stamped envelope shall be required for such requests.

8. AWARDS

- A. No minimum number of entries is necessary for any class since all vehicles are judged on their own merit.
- B. There is a total of 200 points possible on the judging sheets. The following shall be the breakdown for the Junior and Senior Divisions for the award levels indicated:

1. JUNIOR DIVISION

- A. Bronze Award – 145 to 169 points
- B. Silver Award – 170 to 184 points
- C. Gold Award – 185 to 200 points
- D. 190 points (not rounded off) shall allow the vehicle to be eligible for the same event the following year.

2. SENIOR DIVISION

- B. Bronze Award – 170 to 179 points
- C. Silver Award – 180 to 189 points
- D. Gold Award – 190 to 200 points
- E. Vehicles not attaining a minimum of 170 points shall revert back to the Junior Division.

3. RACE DIVISION – 140 points on racecar judging sheet

- A. Bronze Award – 100 to 119 points
- B. Silver Award – 120 to 129 points
- C. Gold Award – 130 to 140 points
- D. No Senior Division in race car category

4. TRIAL CLASS-MODIFIED CLASS-NON-POWERED RAMBLER/AMC'S

This class will be judged under Junior Division award rules

- 1. This class is on a three (3) year review starting 7/19/2003
 - 1. To be reviewed by the Board in July of 2005
 - 2. Ending July 2006

- C. In a case where no vehicle attains minimum point levels, no awards shall be made in that class. In all cases, scores shall not be rounded off.
- D. A "Best of Class" award shall be awarded at the National Meet for each of the five major classes. This award shall be the "Romney Award" for the Rambler class, the "Chapin Award" for the AMC class, and the "Hurst Award" for the Hurst class, the "Donohue Award" for the Javelin class and the "Teague Award" for the AMX class. Each award shall be a floating award and shall be passed on from the previous year's winners. These floating trophies shall be awarded to the highest raw point vehicle in each class in the Senior Division. An additional trophy shall also be awarded to the recipient to keep.
- E. The American Cup – to achieve this award, the Best of Show winners from previous National Shows will compete only against each other. They will be judged using the judging sheet from their respective classes (IE. stock car judged by stock judging sheet, non-stock judged by non-stock judging sheet). This means that the Best of Show winners from previous shows can only win once in their classes before they advance to The American Cup class. The winner of the American Cup award may also only win the award once. Thereafter, American Cup winners and winners of Best of Show who decide not to compete will have a display place of honor.

9. ADDENDUM

- A. A suitable area shall be made available for both registering vehicles and scoring the judging sheets.
- B. The Manager Concours Events shall be responsible for maintaining all records for AMO sanctioned events.
- C. Final standings in the awards area shall be given to the Editor of "American Motoring" (Newsletter Editor) for publication in the next possible issue following the event. This information shall include place, name, and year and model of the vehicles receiving awards.
- D. This document shall be updated as needed, by the Manager Concours Events, to increase its credibility and purpose.

- E. A one (1)-point deduction shall be charged to the vehicles failing to display an AMO grille badge.
- F. Every car entering AMO show fields must carry a fully charged extinguisher. This fire extinguisher must not be necessarily permanently affixed to the car, but with each car showing. The fire extinguisher should be placed at the left rear tire of each car for fast access in case of an emergency when showing. ABC specified dry chemical three-pound size or halon one and one-half pound size is the minimum required.
- G. All vehicles must enter the show field under their own power. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- H. A two (2)-point bonus shall be awarded to Junior Division vehicles who volunteer to participate as a judge.
- I. Manager Concours Events recommended guidelines for special awards. These guidelines are recommendations suggested to the Concours Chairperson in charge of the AMO National, Regional, or Chapter Event. In event that the chairperson of the event feels that any of these awards were not significantly earned by any party the award does not always need to be presented
 - 1. Long Distance Award – The vehicle must be driven one hundred percent of the distance to the event and only closest mileage from hometown to the event should be considered.
 - 2. Special Achievement Award – This award should encourage higher levels of participation in the preservation and advancement of AMO, be it vehicle or organizational related. This person or group should be recognized for above average efforts in furtherization, promotion, or restoration of AMC vehicles and organizations.

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