

Porsche Club of Western Australia - Concours d'Elegance Rules 2022

BACKGROUND TO THE EVENT:

The Concours is primarily a social event, run and manned by volunteers from PCWA and approached in a professional manner. Concours judging is subjective by nature and is carried out on a 'best endeavours' basis. PCWA supports the rewarding of effort where it has been made in the presentation and preservation of Porsche vehicles.

OBJECTIVE:

To recognize effort and skill in the preparation / preservation / restoration of a Porsche motor vehicle.

RULES:

Classes

This will be determined by the Concours Event Manager and Judging Director and will largely be determined by the cars that are registered into the competition.

A separate class may be formed at the discretion of the Concours Event Manager and Judging Director. This category is open to all factory origin Porsche model types and may be judged to Master Class Concours Rules or Spirit of Concours Rules (whichever may apply. - refer below)

The Judging Director may move a car between classes, after having spoken to the owner and explained the rationale. Any decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Prior Master Class Winning Vehicles

Prior Master Class winning vehicles have achieved the highest accolade in the PCWA Concours d'Elegance Competition. The Club's intent with this competition is to attract new and growing participation from the membership rather than repeat winning vehicle entry. To this end, the competition relies on participants exhibiting high levels of sportsperson like behaviour.

Start Time

Competitors will be advised of the time judging is to commence. This will be determined by the Concours Event Manager and the Judging Director. Entries will not be permitted for cars arriving after this time.

Late arrival

Entries cannot be permitted for cars arriving after the commencement of judging under any circumstances.

Commencement of Judging

Judging will commence at the time advised in pre-event marketing. The time will also be advised by the Judging Director or Event Manager to all entries prior to commencement.

All preparation work will cease when the Judging Director announces that judging has commenced. All cleaning materials must be removed from both the vehicle and the vicinity of the vehicle.

The Chief Judge may engage the competitor to make enquiries that assist in the judging process including information about the vehicle history and provenance.

A car or any part thereof may be re-judged at the discretion of the judges or the Judging Director.

Judging Teams

Will be resourced and allocated according to the needs of the day. The number and allocation will be at the Judging Director's discretion.

Wherever possible, the judging teams will be made up of experts. These people may either have come from the trade (mechanics, panel-beaters, spray-painters) or will be experienced Concours entrants.

The judges should not judge their own car, or that of a relative.

Scoresheets

Scoresheets remain the property of PCWA and copies will be made available to competitors after the event to allow for improvements to be made to the vehicle prior to the next years Concours.

Scoring

The attached scoresheet denote the scoring mechanism used to judge items/aspects of the vehicle. The highest score per item is awarded where the items/aspect is essentially as it was when it left the production facility. The aggregate score of all items/aspects of the vehicle represent the total score awarded to that vehicle.

In most vehicle items/aspect categories, the highest score possible is 4. Due to some items/aspects not being available for judging in some vehicles (e.g. the engine bay of a Boxster) a default score of 3 is awarded.

Where two or more finalist vehicles are judged with an aggregate score differential that may have been impacted by the use of this default score methodology, e.g. 1 point separating a Boxster from another vehicle that scored a 4 in the engine bay area, the Judging Director in consultation with other judges, has the discretion in re-assessing the best vehicle on the day and awarding the winner on a holistic basis.

Travel

Vehicles shall not be trailered to or in the vicinity of the Concours venue. Vehicles must be driven to their assigned parking positions for judging.

Access

Vehicle competing in the Master Class Competition must be left unlocked to enable access for judging. If access is not available to particular compartments of the car, that component of the car will be penalized through points.

For the Spirit of Concours, all cars can remain locked. The interior of the vehicle will be judged by observation through the window glass. The engine bay and luggage compartment will not be judged in the Spirit of Concours category.

Damage

If a vehicle is damaged on its way to the Concours (ie: In transit) the Judging Director needs to be advised. If the damage is legitimate and the vehicle is driveable, the Judging Director may make allowance for this in the judging.

This waiver does not extend to fair wear and tear such as road grime and or stone damage, but it may cover grass and or sand brought into the interior by judging teams.

Repairs

Repairs conforming to original factory specifications and standards for that model shall not be penalised.

Optional Equipment

Factory options available for a model will not be penalised if fitted to factory standards.

Factory options not available for a model, if fitted shall be penalised as non-original, even if fitted to factory standards (for example a 3.3 Turbo whale tail on a 3 litre Turbo, RS flares and duck tail on a 2.2 or 2.4).

Safety Equipment and Accessories

Safety and statutory equipment and electronic accessories including registration plates, frames, tyres, labels, Porsche club badges and stickers, dealer stickers, e-tags, secondary bonnet restraints (for race cars), seat belts, fire extinguishers, roll cage, radio / tape decks, CD's, telephones and alarm systems are free except where they exhibit lack of preparation or cleanliness. . This applies except where a difference between cars may come down to a defining difference. (Eg. One has original style tyres and the other has not).

Removable Tops

Convertible tops, hardtops, targa tops and sunroofs shall be in position for judging. Sunroofs shall be closed. Sunroofs and tops shall not be removed or opened for judging.

Failure to comply with the above will result in penalties which are restricted to the sunroof, targa top, hard top, cabriolet roof area

Protests

Protests may be lodged in the Master Class Concours category only. Protests must be submitted on the day to the Chief Judge with specific details of the reason for the protest and accompanying evidence supporting the protest. Protests will not change the result of the Concours but may be used to improve the judging process in the next Concours.

“Unsportspersonlike” Behaviour

Like all other events presented by PCWA, the Concours de Elegance is arranged and run by a group of volunteers. Judging is completed on a subjective basis and is very much open to interpretation by the individual judges and the vehicle owners. If a competitor behaves in a manner that is deemed to be unsportspersonlike by the Director of the event and at least one Office Holder of the PCWA he may be excluded from the results of the event

Basis of Judging Vehicles

Cars will be judged, against one another, on the basis of Originality and Preparation in all of the detailed areas nominated in the scoring sheets. Originality in this instance is defined as –

Is the vehicle “completely as it was when it left the Porsche manufacturing plant”? If so 100% of available Originality points apply. Exemptions will be made for safety equipment (such as seat belts) and anti-theft systems (alarms). For additional exemptions see below.

Has the vehicle been modified significantly since manufacture? If so the available Originality points will be reduced to reflect the significance of the modification in the specific area being judged.

Originality points DO NOT apply to Modified or Race Classes.

Cars converted from LHD to RHD will not be considered as an original example of the vehicle.