

Revised

Process for Judging at ACA National Meets

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Background

At recent Airflow Club National Meets, judging of cars on show days has taken a disagreeably long time and put a long and sometimes uneven load on the judges. These changes to the judging process are intended to speed things up while preserving, or even improving, the consistency of judging across makes, model years, and National Meet years. The results of these changes will, we hope, lighten the load on volunteer and chief judges, further improve judging consistency, and increase participation by members at the car shows. These changes are not intended to modify or exempt any of the ACA By-laws requirements and procedures. For example, the procedure for breaking a tie remains in place.

Changes and New Procedures

1. Volunteer judges will be assigned by the Chief Judge into teams to judge one Group¹ of requirements across all cars in one or more Classes². For example, one team will judge the Interior group of standards for all 1936 Chryslers. Or all DeSotos. Or 1934 cars of either make. One member of each team will be designated Team Leader. Assignments are the responsibility of the Chief Judge and will take into account the number of cars and standard groups. In some cases, a Judging Team may be assigned multiple Groups or multiple Classes.
 - a. For each class and for each car, a full set of judging sheets will be created. Each of these full judging sheet sets will then be divided into requirement groups (Overall, Engine, Exterior...etc). Each Team Leader will collect the judging sheet group subsets for all assigned cars in his or her group for scoring, and will total the deductions and return the completed group sheets to the Chief Judge.
 - b. The judging team assigned to each class and group will then judge that group of requirements for all assigned cars, taking care to account for minor differences in the standards (as noted on the judging sheets) across makes, models, and years of assigned cars.³
2. Judging time per car will be limited, with compliance the responsibility of the Team Leader. A nominal judging time limit of 10 minutes per car/group might be assumed. The Chief Judge may modify the allowed judging time as he sees fit.

¹ Group refers to the requirements groups as set forth in the Appendix: Overall, Chassis, Engine, Exterior, Interior.

² A Class here means one of the make/year classes defined by ACA Bylaws: 3 for DeSotos, 1 for CWs, and 4 for Chryslers and Imperials.

³ For example, a judging team might be assigned Interior Group for 1934, 1935, and 1936 DeSotos. Some of the Interior Group requirements vary among among the years.

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3. Going forward, the Airflow Club will attempt to maintain a record of judging results for cars that are shown at National Meets, and for each car, to note how, if at all, its correctness and condition has changed. Explicit evaluation of changes in the cars previously judged condition may encourage owners to remedy deficiencies and it is likely to save time in judging.
 - a. The purpose is to carefully note progress in improving individual cars and to identify deficiencies that may have developed since that car was previously judged. A secondary purpose is to ease and speed the work of judging.
 - b. Record keeping will be accomplished at each judged event, by saving a black & white copy of each completed judging sheet. This copy will be used to judge this car at its next appearance at a National Meet. At the current meet, judges **MUST** note all point deductions or changes in colored ink. This will enable evaluators to note how the car has improved or deteriorated this year. If no change in car compliance is noted, the previous deductions should again be made.⁴
 - c. Collecting and archiving the completed judging sheets and providing copies of those sheets to judging teams at the current meet is the responsibility of the Chief Judge.

Issues and Implementing

Minor changes to the current judging sheets will be useful; namely, to ensure that all Group breaks are on page breaks and ensure that car identification is precise. For example, car serial number or engine number can be added to the judging sheet.

⁴ For example, instructions to judges by the Chief Judge might include something like “First, check the judging sheet requirements for which deductions were previously taken to see if the defects have been partially or fully corrected. Then check requirements for which no deduction was previously made to see if the current correctness and condition of the item warrants a deduction.”

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Appendix 1: Judging Sheet Groups and Titles

	Group	Title	Total Deduction
Car overall			
Car overall		Bolts and screws	5
Car overall		Modifications	20
	Group Deductions	2	Group Total Max Deductions 25
Chassis			
Chassis		Axles	4
Chassis		Brakes	6
Chassis		Exhaust system	4
Chassis		Frame and floor	4
Chassis		Fuel tank and straps	4
Chassis		Hub caps	6
Chassis		Leaf springs and covers	6
Chassis		Lubrication fittings	2
Chassis		Muffler	4
Chassis		Oil pan	2
Chassis		Shock absorbers	4
Chassis		Steering assembly	3
Chassis		Tires	6
Chassis		Tools	1
Chassis		Transmission / Overdrive / Driveline	4
Chassis		Wheels	4
	Group Deductions	16	Group Total Max Deductions 64
Engine			
Engine		Air cleaner	4
Engine		Belt, fan	3
Engine		Carburetor	4
Engine		Cylinder block	6
Engine		Cylinder head	6
Engine		Distributor	4
Engine		Engine bay	6
Engine		Engine dust pans	4
Engine		Fuel supply	5
Engine		Generator	4
Engine		Horns	4
Engine		Hoses / clamps	6
Engine		Ignition coil	3
Engine		Manifolds	6

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	Group	Title	Total Deduction
Engine		Oil filter	3
Engine		Radiator	5
Engine		Radiator cap	3
Engine		Spark plugs / wires	5
Engine		Starting motor	4
Engine		Steering tube	2
Engine		Tubing	3
Engine		Voltage cutout / regulator	3
Engine		Water pump	2
Engine		Wiring	6
Engine		Mfr data plate	2
	Group Deductions	25	Group Total Max Deductions 103

Exterior

Exterior		Bumpers / guards / rear fender	8
Exterior		Doors	8
Exterior		Fenders	8
Exterior		Fuel tank cap / grommet	3
Exterior		Handles	8
Exterior		Headlight doors	4
Exterior		Hood	4
Exterior		Lights	8
Exterior		Paint	12
Exterior		Pin stripe	6
Exterior		Radiator grille	5
Exterior		Running boards	8
Exterior		Top	4
Exterior		Trim	10
Exterior		Wheel shields/skirts	8
Exterior		Windshield wipers	4
Exterior		Window frames	8
	Group Deductions	17	Group Total Max Deductions 116

Interior

Interior		Battery box	2
Interior		Clock	1
Interior		Dashboard	5
Interior		Door panels	8
Interior		Door sills	6
Interior		Floor cover (mat)	5

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	Group	Title	Total Deduction
	Interior	Garnish moldings	6
	Interior	Glass	8
	Interior	Handles / knobs / switches	8
	Interior	Headliner	4
	Interior	Hot water heater	2
	Interior	Instruments	6
	Interior	Mirror	2
	Interior	Panels, rails, straps, visors, shades	6
	Interior	Pedals / shift lever	3
	Interior	Radio	2
	Interior	Seats (cushion / back)	8
	Interior	Serial tag	1
	Interior	Steering wheel / post	4
	Interior	Trunk Interior	3
	Interior	Trunk: spare tire	2
	Group Deductions	21	
		Group Total Max Deductions	92
		Grand Total Max Deductions	400