



Porsche Club of America **zone 7**

Concours Prep & Judging School

2024

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Concours 101 – 2024 Agenda

- What is a Concours?
- Overview of Scoring & Changes for 2018 to 2023
- Overview of Zone 7 Categories / Divisions
- Guidelines for Judging
- Guidelines for Participating
- Guidelines for Preparation
- Review of Scoring Sheets
- Q&A



What is a Concours?

- Concours d'Elegance is a French term describing a gathering of automobiles to judge their respective merits (and it's pronounced with a silent 's')
- Many, but not all PCA Zones host a series; currently Zones 7 is the only PCA Zone with an active Zone Concours Series
- In Zone 7 we (only) judge cleanliness, preparation and maintenance
- All Porsche cars are eligible
- Emphasis is on having fun, engaging in FRIENDLY competition and enjoying your car and those of your fellow PCA members
- Preparation – surfaces should not only be clean, but they should be prepared and presented similar to how they left the factory



2018/19 Major Rule Changes – A Little History

- Adopted Some Parade Competition Rules for Concours and Parade Definitions for Divisions and Classes
 - “Wash & Shine” is now called “Street”
 - “Street” is now called “Touring”
 - “Full” is still called “Full”
- Street drops the storage area from judging, now only interior and exterior will be judged
- Cars with limited or no engine access will have their own classes and engines will not be judged in these classes (Taycans, Cayman, Boxsters, 991s, SUVs and sedans)



2018/19 Rule Changes (cont.)

- Competition and Special Interest Division eliminated – replaced with classes under each Division for these cars. Restoration and Preservation Divisions also eliminated
- Restoration and Preservation Divisions eliminated, Unrestored Category Introduced - Originality is not judged, but the car's interior and exterior must be at least 75% original (honor system) and entrant cars must be 21 year or older to be eligible
- Year-end awards given by Division (Street, Touring, Full and Unrestored)
- “Spirit of the Concours” awards eliminated - replaced with the overall Division awards

2020 Rule Changes

- With the exception of the Gimmick Rally a rental car (Porsche or not), will not be allowed to compete in competitive events. Concours, Rally and Autocross.
- Add Taycan to classes Street, Touring and Full.



2022 & 2023 Rule Changes

- 2022 Rule 7.2.9 For the overall division (category) winner the percentage calculation will be used when in one category, engine and non-engine cars are judged, competing in the same category (Touring 1 and 2, Full 1 and 2 and Unrestored 1 and 2). For instance, In the Full Category the highest possible score for a car with an engine that is judged is 300 points while the highest possible score for a car judged without an engine judged is 245. Both will be the base for 100%. If there is a tie with 100% score winners, the winner can be determined at the discretion of the concours chair and the Zone 7 Rep if one of them attended all or more events.
- 2024 No Current changes



2023 Rule Clarifications

2023 Clarification: For the overall division (category) winner and Rookie of the year (category), the percentage calculation will be used when in one category engine and non-engine cars are judged competing in the same category (Touring 1 and 2, Full 1 and 2 and Unrestored 1 and 2). For instance, In the Full Category the highest possible score for a car with an engine that is judged is 300 points while the highest possible score for a car judged without an engine judged is 245. Both will be the base for 100%. If there is a tie with 100% score winners, the winner can be determined at the discretion of the concours chair and the Zone 7 Rep if one of them attended all or more events.

2023 Clarification: 7.2.9.a Awards shall be given to each class for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and determined by total points only. Class winners require only one entrant per class to qualify. (see 7.2.8 for Overall winners)



10.5 Category and Class Divisions

* - Cars in this class are deemed to have engines with limited or no access and in those categories in which the engine is judged, see rule 7.2.8 for clarifications.

Model	Preparation Groups			Unrestored Group
	Street	Touring 1 & 2*	Full 1 & 2*	Unrestored 1 & 2
Categories → → → → →				
356	S-1	T-1	C-1	U-1
914 & 914/6	S-2	T-2	C-2	U-2
911 & 912 (1965 to 1973)	S-3	T-3	C-3	U-3
911 & 912 (1974 to 1989)	S-4	T-4	C-4	U-4
911 (1989 to 1998, 964 & 993)	S-5	T-5	C-5	U-5
911 (1999 to 2012, 996 & 997)	S-6	T-6	C-6	U-6 (to '2003)
911 (2012 to present, 991)	S-7	T-7*	C-7*	NA
924, 944, 928, 968	S-8	T-8	C-8	U-8
Boxster & Cayman	S-9	T-9*	C-9*	U-9* to 2003)
Cayenne, Panamera, Macan, Taycan	S-10	T-10*	C-10*	NA
Modified & Competition	S-11	T-11	C-11	NA
Limited Production	S-12	T-12	C-12	NA



Overview of 2021 Divisions

Area	STREET	TOURING I & II	FULL I & II	UNRESTORED I & II
Exterior	X	X	X	X
Interior	X	X	X	X
Storage		X	X	X
Engine		X*	X*	X*
Chassis			X	X
Originality			Honor	

* - Except for cars in limited engine access classes



Overview of Categories

Street

- Best entry-level category, Only Interior and Exterior is judged
- Ideal for cars that are regularly driven and maintained
- Car must be driven 2,000 or more miles per year for Zone award
- Car must be driven to the event
- Same standards as Full and Touring Vehicles
- Originality not judged



Overview of Categories (cont)

Full

- If it's on, in or under the car, it's judged; toughest category
- Only category in which chassis (undercarriage) is judged
- Car can be driven or trailered to the event (only category)
- Cars judged on Preparation, Maintenance, Finish & Presentation
- Originality not judged
- Targeting cars that have been driven and maintained, creating a level playing field



Overview of Categories (cont)

Unrestored

- Designed for cars that are at least 21 years old
- Emphasis on originality, same areas judged as Touring
- Targeting cars that have been driven and maintained, creating a level playing field
- Car must be driven to the event
- Originality is a requirement, but not judged, representation of 75% originality shall be by honor system. (75% Porsche Factory applied paint and interior and installed or applied at time of original manufacture



Guidelines for Judging



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Objectives

- Get the cars in a given class in the right sequence
- Be respectful of entrants and the work they've put in
- Be consistent from car to car

Do No Harm (!)

- Remove jewelry & sharp objects (ideally, cover your belt)
- Be very (VERY) careful in “sensitive” areas (engine, under dash)
- Do not open compartments, move seats, open doors / covers, etc.

Don't Pile On

- Deduct points required to ensure car is in right sequence
- Every car has something good – emphasize this in debrief



Guidelines for Judging (cont)

Procedure

- Each judge gets 5 minutes
- Head judge greets participant / introduces other judges
- Conducts 1 minute walk around with car closed to get general sense of the car and assess panel gaps / fit / finish
- Asks participants to open the car and compartments, remove panels, etc.
- Makes sure no judging has started yet and that judges are ready
- Commence judging (head judge has 4 minutes, all others have 5)
- Timer announces 1 minute warning, then calls time
- Judges complete notes, head judge debriefs with owner
- Thanks and move on to the next car



Guidelines for Judging (cont)

Deductions

- Start with perfect and only deduct for faults actually found
- The judge **MUST** make notes (even brief) for faults found
- Only deduct for single instance of a fault in an area, but an area can have multiple faults
- While no car is likely perfect, it's possible to have 0 deductions

Example 1

- Two wheels have minor brake dust on multiple lug nuts and one has curb rash
- Other two wheels are perfect
- Would be .3 total deductions, .2 for brake dust, .1 for curb rash
- Total amount deducted depends on severity (more on that...)



Guidelines for Judging (cont)

Example 2

- Passenger floor mat has multiple pieces of lint, driver's floor mat looks perfect, but has a blade of grass
- Would (likely) be .1 total deduction
- Is the event held on grass or a parking lot, could it have blown in when car was opened?

Example 3

- The hood has multiple unrepaired paint chips
- The front spoiler has multiple unrepaired paint chips
- The right front quarter panel has a major dent and a repaired paint chip
- Would be (?) deductions?



Guidelines for Judging – Fault Severity

0.1 – Very Minor Fault

- It's there, but only on close / careful inspection
- Example – a piece of lint or two on an obviously prepared carpet
- Example – one or two very small paint chips on problem areas

0.2 – Unambiguous but not Severe Fault

- May not be obvious to a casual observer
- Example – multiple minor unrepaired stone chips
- Example – visible dirt / dust on outer surface of wheels

0.3 – Severe Fault

- Obvious to even a casual observer
- Example – Dents, major scrapes / scratches, cracked paint
- Example – Carpets that obviously haven't been vacuumed
- Example – Glove compartment full of gum, papers, etc.



Guidelines for Judging – Misc.

- Judge against how the car left the factory (owners manual in glove compartment is okay, excessive rubber / leather / vinyl dressing isn't)
- Floor mats are okay, judge them, not the carpet under them
- Gloves and towels are not allowed (except to wipe your hands)
- Double judging is not allowed (pointing out something to a different judge)
- Paint chips are binary – even a poorly repaired chip should be considered repaired...but has it been repaired (?)
- Participants should feel welcomed and encouraged to come back and leave having learned something about their car



Guidelines for Judging – More Misc.

- It's okay to not find something, it's NOT okay to find something and ignore it
- Open cars (Cabriolets / Targas) judged with top up / closed
- Take novices into account – offer encouragement and more thorough explanation / debrief
- When in doubt, ask the head judge
- **Be cool** – entrants have put a lot of work in to preparing their car



Guidelines for Participating



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- It's not personal – judges are trying to be fair, thorough and consistent
- We're all volunteers and trying to do the right thing, but sometimes mistakes are made
- It's bad etiquette to hover over the judges; give them some space
- It's a great idea to bring something to sit on and some water
- Volunteer – it's fun and it's the right thing to do
- Remember, this is fun



Guidelines for Preparation



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- Biggest rookie mistake – spend 90% on polishing / waxing and 10% on everything else
- Don't wait until the day before to start prepping
- Best way to prepare is to judge your own car – print out the scoring sheets and review every item to be judged
- If you do all of your prep in the garage, inspect your car outside in daylight before you declare yourself done
- If you haven't done this before, do some research (links to supplies and resources are posted on the Zone Website)
- Q-Tips and microfiber are your friends
- There's no substitute for investing the time



Overview of Score Sheets



Exterior

Judging Areas and Remarks	Max Points	Points Deducted
1. Coachwork (Shape and Fit)	10	_____
2. Exterior Surfaces (including paint & conv. Tops, excluding items listed below)	25	_____
3. Outer surfaces of glass, lights	10	_____
4. Metal Trim	10	_____
5. Rubber Trim	5	_____
6. Bumpers	5	_____
7. Hubcaps / Outer Surfaces of Wheels & Tires	5	_____
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		_____
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Interior

Judging Areas and Remarks	Max Points	Points Deducted
1. Seats, Mechanism of Seats and Belts	15	_____
2. Carpeting and Floor Covering (includes pedal cluster)	15	_____
3. Underside of Roof or Convertible Top and Sun Visors (if applicable)	10	_____
4. Dashboard, Steering Wheel, Instruments, Underside of Dash, Console	10	_____
5. Door and Dashboard Compartments (glove box / side pockets / parcel shelf)	10	_____
6. Upholstery of Doors and Side Panels	5	_____
7. Inner Surfaces of all Glass	5	_____
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		_____
TOTAL POINTS SCORED OF 70		



Storage

Judging Areas and Remarks	Max Points	Points Deducted
1. Storage compartment(s) (including paint and side coverings, plastic coverings)	10	_____
2. Underside of trunk lid(s) (including latches, hinges, lights and rubber molding)	10	_____
3. Floor coverings, fuel tank, fuel filler, windshield washer reservoir, battery, fuse panel	10	_____
4. Tools	5	_____
5. Jack, spare and restraints, pump	5	_____
	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	_____
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Chassis

Judging Areas and Remarks	Max Points	Points Deducted
1. Underbody panels and fender wells	15	_____
2. Inner surfaces of wheels and tires	10	_____
3. Suspension members, backing plates, brake lines, calipers, shocks, etc.	15	_____
4. Underside of engine and, as applicable, fuel tank, oil cooler, A/C, drive line, etc.	15	_____
5. Exhaust system, underside of engine and attachments	10	_____
	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	_____
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Any Questions?

