



# *Concours d'Elegance*

Concours Judging Guidelines and  
Auto Preparation Tips

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## **Judging & Display Criteria**

In simple terms, a Concours is a car show. The idea is to show your car in its most perfect condition (usually cleanliness and like new condition.) In general, each car starts out perfect and as the judge finds something amiss, points are deducted. The cars typically displayed by category and trophies are awarded to the highest scores. For our NE Region Concours D' Elegance; there will be nine (9) judged classes with awards given to the top three scored cars and three (3) display classes with judges choice awards for the best cars in the category.

In general there will be two (2) teams of four (4) judges with each team comprised of Head Judge and three (3) judges and a runner assigned to evaluate cars within predetermined classes. If needed additional judging teams will be added depending on the number of cars within the class. The Head Judge will establish a pool of judges to assemble the team based on experience and knowledge of the models being judged as to insure fairness and unambiguous rankings. All judges will respect all cars and take care not to damage any vehicle during judging.

## **Judged Classes:**

- 356 Class
- Boxster/Cayman Class.
- Panamera/ Cayenne/ Macan Class.
- 991,996,997 Class.
- 924, 928, 944, 968 Class.
- 914 Class.
- 911 & 912 Class (1965-1973).
- 911 & 912 Class (1974-1989).
- 964 & 993 Class.

## **Display Only**

- Porsche Display Only Class
- Race/ Track Class
- 356 Replica Class

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## **Types of Concours & Judging:**

According to the guidelines outlined by the Porsche Club of America there are different levels or types of Concours. The classifications are designed to accommodate various levels of commitment (both of time and finances), car usage, age, and originality. For the more serious competitors there is Full preparation. "Full" means every aspect of your car will be examined: interior, exterior, trunk, engine, and under chassis – front and rear. They'll look at everything, from your spare tools to the jack. Nothing will go untouched.

On the other end of the spectrum is the "Display Only" category for those that simply want to participate in the car show. The cars are there just to be displayed.

In addition to Full and Display Only, other Concours judging categories include: Touring (Street), Preservation, Top Only or Serious, Closed, People's Choice, and Judge's Choice.

The NE Region Concours uses a judging criteria of evaluating your car on its condition and cleanliness only. As an entrant you will be judged as the car sits on the condition of its interior, storage compartment, engine bay and exterior including wheel wells and rims. In this Concours the undercarriage is not judged.

## **Judged Cars:**

At the NE Region Concours the judged classes are grouped by model type and in some cases by year in the instance of the 1965–1989 911 Class. All vehicles being judged will be required to be present, registered and located in the proper on field location within 45 minutes of the cutoff time for judging. Such cutoff times will be determined by the Concours Committee and be posted on the NE Region Porsche website; [www.porschenet.com](http://www.porschenet.com). No cars will be allowed into the Concours judging area after this time.

An owner will be given time to prepare the car for judging with all preparation and cleaning stopped within 15 minutes of the designated time to begin judging. No further cleaning or touching of the car can occur after this announcement has been made.

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## **Judging Process:**

A Head Judge will assign each judge a task to assess the storage, exterior, interior or engine bay. The Head Judge will have the responsibility of determining the order of the cars to be judged and ensure that all score sheets have been properly filled in with the required information.

With the judging of each car, the Head Judge will introduce his team and explain the process of judging to each entrant. The team will take one minute to walk around the car and orientate themselves with the model and its condition. At judging you will be required to open all doors and compartments for inspection. Each car will be judged for a maximum of five (5) minutes with each individual judge evaluating completing the scoring sheet for the category assigned. During the judging process, a judge may ask an entrant about aspects of the car's condition. Cars will be judged on similar items according to the scoring sheets and all areas of common are being evaluated as well as obvious areas of neglect.

Pursuant to the scoring guidelines, a car will be scored against a maximum score of 300 points with an emphasis on exterior condition under the following point totals by category; Interior 75 points, storage 50 points, exterior 100 points and engine compartment 75 points. In the case of the Cayman, Boxster and the 991, 996 & 997 model the engine compartments are not easily accessible and the engine compartment is not judged or graded. In this instance a maximum score of 250 is applied. Areas of neglect or inconsistencies will be identified by the judging team and be subject to point deductions. Point deductions are determined by the team and the Head Judge and applied consistently within the class being judged. The Head Judge may announce and set the deductions before the judging of a class and advise all entrants of the scale of deductions.

As a guide the following point deductions have been adopted but may be subject to change by the Head Judge.

- 0.5 point – barely noticeable and a very minor flaw
- 1.0 point unambiguous but not a serious flaw

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- 1.5 points or greater – a serious flaw

Upon completion of the judging, the judging sheet from each judge will be collected by the Head Judge and the score tabulated. The scoring sheets will be provided to the runner who will return the scoring sheets to the registrar for tabulation. The entrant will not be told the final score of his vehicle until the final announcement of the awards. The entrant may obtain copies of the final scoring sheets or the totals by category after the event.

## **Car Preparation:**

It will be the responsibility of the entrant to prepare the car for judging prior to the event. When the car is positioned on the judging field the entrant will be allowed time to prepare the car for judging prior to the cutoff announcement. The amount of time allotted will be determined by when the car is positioned on the judging field. Getting there early is always recommended.

The car is being evaluated for its condition and cleanliness as it sits; so it is recommended that care be given to all the neglected areas of cleaning such as engine bays, wheel wells, trunk areas. All external and internal exposed areas will be judged.

Prior to the car being judged, you will be required to close sunroofs and tops, windows and doors. The glove box should be free of all papers and contain only the manual and registration. All areas including door pockets should be free of debris. The storage areas should be accessible and have tool kits and the spare tire available for inspection if stock with the car. The cabin area should be free of clothing and all cleaning materials.

## **Display Only Vehicles:**

All vehicles being displayed will require no special attention. These vehicles are being presented for enjoyment for all spectators and judges. At times, certain classes may have awards based on the vehicle's appearance, uniqueness, year and model or other features which may have the model stand out amongst its peers.