

Important Judging/Nationals Information

Our goal in this tri-fold is to arm you with pertinent and basic information to make your experience in registering your vehicle for a nationals much easier. We also hope to provide information to make your AACA Nationals experience enjoyable and stress free.

AACA Philosophy

The AACA philosophy is that there are 3 different types of vehicles: They were first original, then became drivers, and then restored back to original for class judging.

ORIGINAL — Historic Preservation of Original Features (HPOF). This is for un-restored, as delivered vehicles with factory approved accessories.

DRIVERS — Drivers Participation Class (DPC). This is for vehicles that may have had some restoration performed, been repainted and certain upgrades performed such as: seat belts, seat coverings, turn signals, stop lights, sealed beam/halogen headlamps, radial tires, alloy wheels of the same era and/or same vehicle manufacturer, radio upgrades, electrical upgrades, brake upgrades (bolt on), steering upgrades (bolt on), air conditioning, overdrive system and altered exhaust.

CLASS JUDGING — This is for restored vehicles that have been restored back to original with factory approved accessories and/or original vehicles that appear new.

SPECIAL INTEREST CLASS — A Display only, non-judged class. Vehicles such as: Celebrity, in movies or on TV, of historical significance, of innovative design.

Included is a listing of the standard AACA Judging Classes. For a more thorough explanation you can go to www.aaca.org and review the latest edition of the AACA Judging Guidelines.

NO STREETRODS, MODIFIEDS OR KIT CARS.

Registering

You have two ways to register, using the enclosed card or online at members.aaca.org. If you register online you must print it out and mail your payment in along with the registration printout. Many seasoned show participants use the online process.

Please, print legibly on registration cards!

AACA vehicle number is only for vehicles that have previously been shown. If this is the first time you are showing this particular vehicle leave the line blank.

Class numbers are listed on the back. If you are showing in an evaluated class (HPOF or DPC) they will not have a class number. Original and un-restored type vehicles are entered in the Historical Preservation of Original Features class (HPOF) and touring or driver vehicles are eligible for the Drivers Participation Class (DPC).

VIN is the vehicle identification number or serial number. Horsepower is necessary for Class 36 verification.

If you are showing a car in Class 24 (Race Car) the vehicle must be certified through the race car certification committee prior to the Nationals. Please contact National Headquarters for the certification application.

Please let us know if you are the new owner of a vehicle that has previously been shown in AACA. It will be necessary for you to call national headquarters at 717-534-1910 to make sure we have the vehicle removed from the previous owner's records. The judging guidelines will outline your options of starting fresh with our award program or continuing to the next award for which the vehicle qualifies.

If you and your spouse own vehicles individually it is important that you check the spouse section if the vehicle belongs to the spouse. The primary member is the one who gets the registration card. Our system does not allow it to be done any other way. So please mark the card accordingly.

If you have decided that you want to change between categories such as class judging to DPC remember that you can only change categories once in 10 years. Make your choices carefully as you cannot move in and out of class judging, DPC and HPOF. If you decide to restore your DPC or HPOF vehicle, you can then be entered in the Junior class by notifying AACA and removing the DPC or HPOF badge. Complete details are in our Judging Guidelines.

Prior to and at the Nationals

Bring documentation for your vehicle! Especially if it is limited production, unusual or has rare options.

Did you bring your fire extinguisher? It is mandatory!

Make sure you have your confirmation number for your hotel or motel.

Please read the Nationals tri-fold which has been sent to you or available online for instructions on trailer parking if needed. It may be easier for you to drop off your trailer prior to going to the hotel or registration area. Some hotels are not trailer friendly.

You can pick up your registration packet prior to show day at the place designated by the region. Usually at the host hotel or show site. If not, registration packets are available on the day of the show as you drive into the venue.

Complete the judging or evaluation sheet found in your registration packet, sign it and leave on driver's seat.

Place the windshield card beneath your wiper or on windshield on vehicles so equipped. Otherwise make it accessible and visible.

Remove items from trunk and interior such as coolers, literature, etc. prior to judging (DPC vehicles are excluded). You may put them back in after judging if you wish.

Make sure fire extinguisher is visible.

Doors need to be unlocked, trunk open, windows up, convertible top up and hood open for judging. Please stay with your vehicle until it is judged/evaluated. Some vehicles it may be necessary to keep hoods closed etc. but the judges will need YOU to open them during their evaluation.

Helpful hint: If you have a vehicle that is rare, limited production and/or unusual options you may want to mention to the team captain that you have your documentation if a question of authenticity arises. Remember: It must be **FACTORY** documentation.

If this is the first time you have shown a vehicle plan on attending the Owner's Briefing which is usually around 9:30 AM in the morning of the show. If you have a problem there will be people at the host region and AACA national officials there to help you. You will also find out that fellow AACA members will be glad to show you the ropes.

Remember: You are not allowed to remove your vehicle until 3:00 PM or when dismissed by the chief judge early due to inclement weather.

If you did not receive the award you are seeking, a highlighted form of deductions is available by writing to the VP of Judging. Self-addressed, stamped envelope required. VP of Judging address can be found in the 'Antique Automobile' Magazine.

Now, most importantly **HAVE FUN!**

AACA OFFICIAL VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION (Adopted December 1951, Revised 2023)

| Class | Description | | |
|-------|---|-----|--|
| HPOF | Historical Preservation of Original Features | 20E | Production vehicles, (excluding Fords), 1938-1939 |
| DPC | Driver Participation Class | 20F | Production vehicles, (excluding Fords), 1940-1945 |
| 01A | 3-wheelers, Orient Buckboards & Cycle Cars thru 1941 | 21A | Ford "A", open vehicles, 1928-1929 |
| 01B | 3-wheelers 1942-1998 | 21B | Ford "A", closed vehicles, 1928-1929 |
| 01C | Auto Red Bugs, Smith Flyers, Briggs & Stratton Flyers and similar vehicles thru 1998 | 21C | Ford "A", open vehicles, 1930-1931 |
| 02 | High wheel (solid tire) buggy-type vehicles: thru 1919 | 21D | Ford "A", closed vehicles, 1930-1931 |
| 03A | Electric vehicles: thru 1905 | 21E | 4 cyl and V-8 Ford vehicles, 1932-1934 |
| 03B | Electric vehicles 1906 - 1998 | 21F | 4 cyl and V-8 Ford vehicles, 1935-1937 |
| 04A | Small vehicles, specifically named thru 1941 | 21G | V-8 Ford vehicles, 1938-1940 |
| 04B | Small vehicles, specifically named 1942-1998 | 21H | Ford vehicles 6 cyl. & V-8, 1941-1948 |
| 04C | All Volkswagen vehicles thru 1998 | 22A | Commercial vehicles, load capacity under 1 ton - thru 1927 |
| 05A | Motorcycles thru 1919 | 22B | Commercial vehicles, load capacity under 1 ton - 1928-1942 |
| 05B | Motorcycles, 1920-1945 | 22C | Commercial vehicles, load capacity under 1 ton - 1943-1966 |
| 05C | Motorcycles, 1946-1959 | 22D | Commercial vehicles, load capacity 1 ton & over thru 1927 |
| 05D | All motorized bicycles & mopeds including Whizzer, Sportsman & Ambassador models thru 1998 | 22E | Commercial vehicles, load capacity 1 ton & over-1928-1942 |
| 05E | Cushman Eagles thru 1965 | 22F | Commercial vehicles, load capacity 1 ton & over-1943-1966 |
| 05F | All motor scooters and other 2 or 3-wheeled vehicles with small diameter wheels (ex. Mustang cycles) thru 1960 (all motorbikes with engine size 50cc must be street legal.) | 22G | Commercial vehicles, load capacity under 1 ton-1967-1998 |
| 05G | All motor scooters and other 2 or 3-wheeled vehicles with small dia. wheels (ex. Mustang cycles), 1961-1998 (all motorbikes with engine size 50cc must be street legal.) | 22H | Commercial vehicles, load capacity 1 ton & over-1967-1998 |
| 05H | Motorcycles, 1960-1998 | 22I | Military Vehicles thru 1998 |
| 06 | Steam vehicles thru 1905 | 22J | Motorhomes thru 1998 |
| 07 | Steam vehicles, 1906-1914 | 23 | Fire vehicles thru 1998 |
| 08 | Steam vehicles, 1915-1929 | 24A | Competition (documented and pre-certified racing vehicles-oval, circular or straight course) thru 1998 |
| 09A | Gas vehicles, 1 cyl. thru 1912 | 24B | Competition (documented and pre-certified racing vehicles road, hill climb or gymkhana course) thru 1998 |
| 09B | Gas vehicles, 2 or 3 cyl. thru 1913 | 24C | Competition (documented and pre-certified racing Motorcycles-all courses) thru 1998 |
| 10A | Ford "T", brass radiator, 1909-1912 | 24D | Unrestored Race Vehicles (documented & pre-certified) thru 1998 (preservation awards only) |
| 10B | Ford "T", brass radiator, 1913-1916 | 25A | Sports vehicles thru 1960 |
| 11 | Ford "T", steel shell radiator, 1917-1927 | 25B | Sports vehicles - Open 1961-1969 |
| 12 | Gas vehicles, not previously classified, thru 1905 | 25C | Sports vehicles - Closed 1961-1969 |
| 13A | Gas vehicles, 4 cyl., 1906-1909 | 25D | Sports vehicles - Open 1970-1998 |
| 13B | Gas vehicles, 4 cyl., 1910-1912 | 25E | Sports vehicles - Closed 1970-1998 |
| 14 | Gas vehicles, more than 4 cyl., 1906-1912 | 26A | Production vehicles, (excluding Fords), 1946-1947 |
| 15 | Gas vehicles, 4 cyl., 1913-1919 | 26B | Production vehicles, (excluding 1948 Fords), 1948-1949 |
| 16 | Gas vehicles, more than 4 cyl., 1913-1919 | 26C | Production vehicles, 1950-1951 |
| 17A | Gas vehicles, 2-wheel brakes, 4 cyl. 1920-1929 | 26D | Production vehicles, 1952-1953 |
| 17B | Gas vehicles, 2 wheel brakes, more than 4 less than 8 cyl., 1920-1929 | 27A | Production vehicles, (excluding 1955 Chevrolet), 1954-1955 |
| 17C | Gas vehicles, 2-wheel brakes, 8 cyl. or more, 1920-1929 | 27B | Production vehicles, (excluding Chevrolet), 1956-1957 |
| 18A | Gas vehicles, 4-wheel brakes, 4 cyl., 1920-1929 | 27C | Production vehicles, 1958-1959 |
| 18B | Gas vehicles, 4-wheel brakes, more than 4 less than 8 cyl., 1920-1929 | 27D | Production vehicles, 1960-1961 |
| 18C | Gas vehicles, 4-wheel brakes, 8 cyl. & more, 1920-1929 | 27E | Production vehicles, 1962-1963 |
| 19A | Classic vehicles, specifically named, 1915-1931 | 27F | Production vehicles, 1964-1965 |
| 19B | Classic vehicles, specifically named, 1932-1933 | 27G | Production vehicles, 1966-1967 |
| 19C | Classic vehicles, specifically named, 1934-1936 | 27H | Production vehicles, 1968-1969 |
| 19D | Classic vehicles, specifically named, 1937-1939 | 27I | Production vehicles, 1970-1971 |
| 19E | Classic vehicles, specifically named, 1940-1948 | 27J | Production vehicles, 1972-1973 |
| 20A | Production vehicles, (excluding Fords), 1930-1931 | 27K | Production vehicles, 1974-1975 |
| 20B | Production vehicles, (excluding Fords), 1932-1933 | 27L | Production vehicles, 1976-1977 |
| 20C | Production vehicles, (excluding Fords), 1934-1935 | 27M | Production vehicles, 1978-1979 |
| 20D | Production vehicles, (excluding Fords), 1936-1937 | 27N | Production vehicles, 1980-1981 |
| | | 27O | Production vehicles, 1982-1983 |
| | | 27P | Production vehicles, 1984-1985 |
| | | 27Q | Production vehicles, 1986-1987 |
| | | 27R | Production vehicles, 1988-1989 |
| | | 27S | Production vehicles, 1990-1994 |
| | | 27T | Production vehicles, 1995-1998 |
| | | 29 | Prestige vehicles, specifically named, 1946-1998 |
| | | 30A | Chevrolet Corvette, 1953-1962 |
| | | 30B | Chevrolet Corvette, 1963-1967 |
| | | 30C | Chevrolet Corvette, 1968-1977 |
| | | 30D | Chevrolet Corvette, 1978-1983 |
| | | 30E | Chevrolet Corvette, 1984-1998 |
| | | 31 | Ford Thunderbird, 1955-1957 |
| | | 32 | Chevrolet (excluding Corvette), 1955-1957 |
| | | 34A | Ford Mustang, 1965-1966 |
| | | 34B | Ford Mustang, 1967-1970 |
| | | 34C | Ford Mustang, (including Mustang II), 1971-1998 |
| | | 34G | Chevrolet Camaro (except High Perf.), 1967-1969 |
| | | 34H | Chevrolet Camaro (except High Perf.), 1970-1981 |
| | | 34I | Chevrolet Camaro (except High Perf.), 1982-1998 |
| | | 35A | Designated Limited Production and Prototype vehicles thru 1998 |
| | | 35B | Designated Limited Production and Prototype vehicles thru 1998 which do not meet criteria for 35A |
| | | 35C | Pre-certified Second Generation Collector Vehicle (SGCV) thru 1998 |
| | | 36A | Factory High Performance - Buick & Pontiac, 1957-1969 |
| | | 36B | Factory High Performance - Chevrolet & Oldsmobile, 1957-1969 |
| | | 36C | Factory High Performance - Chrysler, Dodge & Plymouth, 1955-1969 |
| | | 36D | Factory High Performance - Ford & Mercury, 1957-1969 |
| | | 36E | Factory High Performance - American Motors Corp., 1960-1969 |
| | | 36F | Factory High Performance - Buick & Pontiac, 1970-1987 |
| | | 36G | Factory High Performance - Chevrolet & Oldsmobile, 1970-1981 |
| | | 36H | Factory High Performance - Chrysler, Dodge & Plymouth, 1970-1980 |
| | | 36I | Factory High Performance - Ford & Mercury, 1970-1980 |
| | | 36J | Factory High Performance - American Motors Corp., 1970-1980 |
| | | 36K | Factory High Performance - Trucks, 1966-1989 |
| | | 36L | Factory High Performance - Buick & Pontiac, 1990-1998 |
| | | 36M | Factory High Performance - Chevrolet & Oldsmobile, 1990-1998 |
| | | 36N | Factory High Performance - Chrysler, Dodge & Plymouth, 1990-1998 |
| | | 36O | Factory High Performance - Ford & Mercury, 1990-1998 |
| | | 36P | Factory High Performance - Trucks, 1990-1998 |
| | | 36Q | Factory High Performance - Studebaker 1955-1964 |
| | | 37A | Professional Vehicles - Ambulances, taxis, police cars, funeral vehicles thru 1942 |
| | | 37B | Professional Vehicles - Ambulances, taxis, police cars, funeral vehicles, 1943-1998 |
| | | 38 | Sport Utility Vehicles, 1966-1998 |
| | | 39 | Special Interest Class - pre-certified thru 1998 (display only) |

For more information go to: AACA.org