

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