

## 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** — (Previously 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](http://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](http://members.aaca.org). If you register online you can pay with credit card or 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 2025)**

Class Description

ORG Original Class	20E Production vehicles, (excluding Fords): 1938-1939	27U Production Vehicles: 2000
DPC Driver Participation Class	20F Production vehicles, (excluding Fords): 1940-1945	29 Prestige vehicles, specifically named: 1946-2000
01A 3-wheelers, Orient Buckboards & Cycle Cars thru 1941	21A Ford "A", open vehicles: 1928-1929	30A Chevrolet Corvette: 1953-1962
01B 3-wheelers: 1942-2000	21B Ford "A", closed vehicles: 1928-1929	30B Chevrolet Corvette: 1963-1967
01C Auto Red Bugs, Smith Flyers, Briggs & Stratton Flyers and similar vehicles thru 2000	21C Ford "A", open vehicles: 1930-1931	30C Chevrolet Corvette: 1968-1977
02 High wheel (solid tire) buggy-type vehicles thru 1919	21D Ford "A", closed vehicles: 1930-1931	30D Chevrolet Corvette: 1978-1982
03A Electric vehicles: thru 1905	21E 4 cyl and V-8 Ford vehicles: 1932-1934	30E Chevrolet Corvette: 1984-1996
03B Electric vehicles: 1906 - 2000	21F 4 cyl and V-8 Ford vehicles: 1935-1937	30F Chevrolet Corvette: 1997-2000
04A Small vehicles, specifically named thru 1941	21G V-8 Ford vehicles: 1938-1940	31 Ford Thunderbird: 1955-1957
04B Small vehicles, specifically named 1942-2000	21H Ford vehicles 6 cyl. & V-8: 1941-1948	32 Chevrolet (excluding Corvette): 1955-1957
04C All Gas Volkswagen vehicles thru 2000	22A Commercial vehicles, load capacity under 1 ton thru 1927	34A Ford Mustang: 1965-1966
04D Japanese Domestic Market (JDM) vehicles built expressively for Japanese market thru 2000	22B Commercial vehicles, load capacity under 1 ton: 1928-1942	34B Ford Mustang: 1967-1970
05A Motorcycles thru 1919	22C Commercial vehicles, load capacity under 1 ton: 1943-1966	34C Ford Mustang, (including Mustang II): 1971-2000
05B Motorcycles: 1920-1945	22D Commercial vehicles, load capacity 1 ton & over thru 1927	34G Chevrolet Camaro (except High Perf.): 1967-1969
05C Motorcycles: 1946-1959	22E Commercial vehicles, load capacity 1 ton & over: 1928-1942	34H Chevrolet Camaro (except High Perf.): 1970-1981
05D All motorized bicycles & mopeds including Whizzer, Sportsman & Ambassador models thru 2000	22F Commercial vehicles, load capacity 1 ton & over: 1943-1966	34I Chevrolet Camaro (except High Perf.): 1982-2000
05E Cushman Eagles thru 1965	22G Commercial vehicles, load capacity under 1 ton: 1967-2000	35A Designated Limited Production and Prototype vehicles thru 2000
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.)	22H Commercial vehicles, load capacity 1 ton & over: 1967-2000	35B Designated Limited Production and Prototype vehicles thru 2000 which do not meet criteria for 35A
05G All motor scooters and other 2 or 3-wheeled vehicles with small dia. wheels (ex. Mustang cycles): 1961-2000 (all motorbikes with engine size 50cc must be street legal.)	22I Military Vehicles thru 2000	35C Pre-certified Second Generation Collector Vehicle (SGCV) thru 2000
05H Motorcycles: 1960-2000	22J Motorhomes thru 2000	36A Factory High Performance - Buick & Pontiac: 1957-1969
06 Steam vehicles thru 1905	23 Fire vehicles thru 2000	36B Factory High Performance - Chevrolet & Oldsmobile: 1957-1969
07 Steam vehicles: 1906-1914	24A Competition (documented and pre-certified racing vehicles-oval, circular or straight course) thru 2000	36C Factory High Performance - Chrysler, Dodge & Plymouth: 1955-1969
08 Steam vehicles: 1915-1929	24B Competition (documented and pre-certified racing vehicles road, hill climb or gymkhana course) thru 2000	36D Factory High Performance - Ford & Mercury: 1957-1969
09A Gas vehicles, 1 cyl. thru 1912	24C Competition (documented and pre-certified racing Motorcycles-all courses) thru 2000	36E Factory High Performance - American Motors Corp.: 1960-1969
09B Gas vehicles, 2 or 3 cyl. thru 1913	24D Unrestored Race Vehicles (documented & pre-certified) thru 2000 (preservation awards only)	36F Factory High Performance - Buick & Pontiac: 1970-1987
10A Ford "T", brass radiator: 1909-1912	25A Sports vehicles thru 1960	36G Factory High Performance - Chevrolet & Oldsmobile: 1970-1981
10B Ford "T", brass radiator: 1913-1916	25B Sports vehicles - Open: 1961-1969	36H Factory High Performance - Chrysler, Dodge & Plymouth: 1970-1980
11 Ford "T", steel shell radiator: 1917-1927	25C Sports vehicles - Closed: 1961-1969	36I Factory High Performance - Ford & Mercury: 1970-1980
12 Gas vehicles, not previously classified thru 1905	25D Sports vehicles - Open: 1970-2000	36J Factory High Performance - American Motors Corp.: 1970-1980
13A Gas vehicles, 4 cyl.: 1906-1909	25E Sports vehicles - Closed: 1970-2000	36K Factory High Performance - Trucks: 1966-1989
13B Gas vehicles, 4 cyl.: 1910-1912	26A Production vehicles, (excluding Fords): 1946-1947	36L Factory High Performance - Buick & Pontiac: 1990-2000
14 Gas vehicles, more than 4 cyl.: 1906-1912	26B Production vehicles, (excluding 1948 Fords): 1948-1949	36M Factory High Performance - Chevrolet & Oldsmobile: 1990-2000
15 Gas vehicles, 4 cyl.: 1913-1919	26C Production vehicles: 1950-1951	36N Factory High Performance - Chrysler, Dodge & Plymouth: 1990-2000
16 Gas vehicles, more than 4 cyl.: 1913-1919	26D Production vehicles: 1952-1953	36O Factory High Performance - Ford & Mercury: 1990-2000
17A Gas vehicles, 2-wheel brakes, 4 cyl.: 1920-1929	27A Production vehicles, (excluding 1955 Chevrolet): 1954-1955	36P Factory High Performance - Trucks: 1990-2000
17B Gas vehicles, 2 wheel brakes, more than 4 less than 8 cyl.: 1920-1929	27B Production vehicles, (excluding Chevrolet): 1956-1957	36Q Factory High Performance - Studebaker: 1955-1964
17C Gas vehicles, 2-wheel brakes, 8 cyl. or more: 1920-1929	27C Production vehicles: 1958-1959	37A Professional Vehicles - Ambulances, taxis, police cars, funeral vehicles thru 1942
18A Gas vehicles, 4-wheel brakes, 4 cyl.: 1920-1929	27D Production vehicles: 1960-1961	37B Professional Vehicles - Ambulances, taxis, police cars, funeral vehicles: 1943-2000
18B Gas vehicles, 4-wheel brakes, more than 4 less than 8 cyl.: 1920-1929	27E Production vehicles: 1962-1963	38 Sport Utility Vehicles: 1966-2000
18C Gas vehicles, 4-wheel brakes, 8 cyl. & more: 1920-1929	27F Production vehicles: 1964-1965	39 Special Interest Class - pre-certified thru 2000 (display only)
19A Classic vehicles, specifically named: 1915-1931	27G Production vehicles: 1966-1967	
19B Classic vehicles, specifically named: 1932-1933	27H Production vehicles: 1968-1969	
19C Classic vehicles, specifically named: 1934-1936	27I Production vehicles: 1970-1971	
19D Classic vehicles, specifically named: 1937-1939	27J Production vehicles: 1972-1973	
19E Classic vehicles, specifically named: 1940-1948	27K Production vehicles: 1974-1975	
20A Production vehicles, (excluding Fords): 1930-1931	27L Production vehicles: 1976-1977	
20B Production vehicles, (excluding Fords): 1932-1933	27M Production vehicles: 1978-1979	
20C Production vehicles, (excluding Fords): 1934-1935	27N Production vehicles: 1980-1981	
20D Production vehicles, (excluding Fords): 1936-1937	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: 1995-1999	

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