

## **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, now ORG) 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 (ORG or DPC) they will not have a class number. Original and un-restored type vehicles are entered in the Original Class (ORG) and touring or driver vehicles are eligible for the Drivers Participation Class (DPC).

VIN is the vehicle identification number or serial number. Horsepower and CID are 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 ORG. If you decide to restore your DPC or ORG vehicle, you can then be entered in the Junior class by notifying AACA and removing the DPC or ORG 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 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 judging 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: 2001
DPC	Driver Participation Class	20F	Production vehicles, (excluding Fords): 1940-1945	29	Prestige vehicles, specifically named: 1946-2001
01A	3-wheelers, Orient Buckboards & Cycle Cars thru 1941	21A	Ford "A", open vehicles: 1928-1929	30A	Chevrolet Corvette: 1953-1962
01B	3-wheelers: 1942-2001	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 2001	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 - 2001	21F	4 cyl and V-8 Ford vehicles: 1935-1937	30F	Chevrolet Corvette: 1997-2001
04A	Small vehicles, specifically named thru 1941	21G	V-8 Ford vehicles: 1938-1940	31	Ford Thunderbird: 1955-1957
04B	Small vehicles, specifically named 1942-2001	21H	Ford vehicles 6 cyl. & V-8: 1941-1948	32	Chevrolet (excluding Corvette): 1955-1957
04C	All Gas Volkswagen vehicles thru 2001	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 2001	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): 1971-2001
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 2001	22F	Commercial vehicles, load capacity 1 ton & over: 1943-1966	34I	Chevrolet Camaro (except High Perf.): 1982-2001
05E	Cushman Eagles thru 1965	22G	Commercial vehicles, load capacity under 1 ton: 1967-2001	35A	Designated Limited Production and Prototype vehicles thru 2001
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: 1967-2001	35B	Designated Limited Production and Prototype vehicles thru 2001 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): 1961-2001 (all motorbikes with engine size 50cc must be street legal.)	22I	Military Vehicles thru 2001	35C	Pre-certified Second Generation Collector Vehicle (SGCV) thru 2001
05H	Motorcycles: 1960-2001	22J	Motorhomes thru 2001	36A	Factory High Performance - Buick & Pontiac: 1957-1969
06	Steam vehicles thru 1905	23	Fire vehicles thru 2001	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 2001	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 2001	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 2001	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 2001 (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: 1970-2001	36J	Factory High Performance - American Motors Corp.: 1970-1980
13A	Gas vehicles, 4 cyl.: 1906-1909	25E	Sports vehicles - Closed: 1970-2001	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: 1990-2001
14	Gas vehicles, more than 4 cyl.: 1906-1912	26B	Production vehicles, (excluding 1948 Fords): 1948-1949	36M	Factory High Performance - Chevrolet & Oldsmobile: 1990-2001
15	Gas vehicles, 4 cyl.: 1913-1919	26C	Production vehicles: 1950-1951	36N	Factory High Performance - Chrysler, Dodge & Plymouth: 1990-2001
16	Gas vehicles, more than 4 cyl.: 1913-1919	26D	Production vehicles: 1952-1953	36O	Factory High Performance - Ford & Mercury: 1990-2001
17A	Gas vehicles, 2-wheel brakes, 4 cyl.: 1920-1929	27A	Production vehicles, (excluding 1955 Chevrolet): 1954-1955	36P	Factory High Performance - Trucks: 1990-2001
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: 1943-2001
18B	Gas vehicles, 4-wheel brakes, more than 4 less than 8 cyl: 1920-1929	27E	Production vehicles: 1962-1963	38	Sport Utility Vehicles: 1966-2001
18C	Gas vehicles, 4-wheel brakes, 8 cyl. & more: 1920-1929	27F	Production vehicles: 1964-1965	39	Special Interest Class - pre-certified thru 2001 (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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