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The Porsche Club of America Chesapeake Region

Concours Judging School



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Introductions

PCA-CHS Concours

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CONCOURS

THE BASICS



WHAT IS CONCOURS?

- Concours d'Elegance (French) – “a gathering of Automobiles in competition or judging of their respective merits in terms of coach work design, finish, and appointments.”
- Judging was subjective based on a automobile's style.
- Chesapeake Challenge is a modified Concours which uses points to determine overall condition.



WHAT IS CONCOURS?

Different Levels of Concours:

- Most Prestigious: Pebble Beach, Amelia Island, Greenwich
- Highly Regarded: PCA Parade, AACA Hershey, Radnor Hunt
- Most inclusive / fun: Chesapeake Challenge
- People's Choice: Rockville Classic Car Show

At Chesapeake Region Concours events, we judge for:

- Preparation, cleanliness and condition, not originality or authenticity.



Some Points about CONCOURS

- Objectives:
 - Have fun – participants and judges.
 - Promote the preservation of Porsches in clean, well-maintained condition.
 - Encourage public display of our cars.



JUDGING Process



The Judging Process – Chesapeake Challenge

1. Judging teams are recruited for Full Concours and Street Prepared categories and individual classes.
2. Teams have a leader, who moves the team from car to car, and keeps time (5 minutes per car, once the team is ready).
3. Teams have one or two people for each area of the car to be judged.
 - Exterior: Full Concours & Street-Prepared
 - Interior: Full Concours & Street-Prepared
 - Engine: Full Concours, NOT Street Prepared.
 - Storage: Full Concours, NOT Street Prepared.
4. Judges record scores and make comments for deductions.
5. The Team Leader collects the score cards.
6. The Head Judges tabulates the scores.
7. Awards are presented.



WHAT TO DO AS A JUDGE #1

- Dress for the occasion. Avoid any hanging loose jewelry and metal belt buckles.
- Pickup a clipboard and pencil at Judges meeting.
- Arrive early to help park cars.
- Familiarize yourself with the cars in your Category and Class before judging. Compare all against the vehicle that you feel is the best.
- Do not judge out loud. If you have any questions for the owner, discuss with the Team Leader.
- Be fair, reasonable and consistent.
- Judge a car as you would expect it to have been delivered.
- Deduct whole points.
- Do not judge your own car.



WHAT TO DO AS A JUDGE #2

- Do not touch the car whenever possible. This is NOT a white glove inspection. Team Leaders will ask owners to open doors, trunks, move seats, open glove compartments and lift carpeting when necessary.
- Do not sit in cars.
- No eating or drinking while judging cars.
- Do not divulge a score to the participant.
- Make notes for all deductions. Participants want to know how to be better the next time.
- Start judging when the time keeper says to do so and stop when they say to stop.
- Stay with your team until all judging is completed.
- Calculate all deductions on the Scoring Sheet. Switch Scoring Sheets with a team member to check your math.



WHAT DO JUDGES LOOK FOR?

- Before judging begins, every car is “perfect”. Judges look for imperfections in designated areas and deduct points for those imperfections.
- Preparation: Cleanliness, absence of scratches and swirl marks, dings and dents, inconsistencies in fit and finish.
- “Chips Happen”, paint chips that is. We do not deduct for paint chips. Scratches, dings and dents warrant deductions.
- Judges endeavor to be **consistent** from one car to the next.
- Over preparation: Many different products are used to prepare a car for concours. Deduct for excessive shine / greasiness on tires and trim. The car should be presented as it left the factory.



WHAT SHOULD, OR SHOULD NOT, BE IN CAR?

- Whatever came with the car from the factory
 - Owner's Manual
 - Spare tire, tool kit, jack and air compressor.
 - PCA allows transponders that are permanently attached to the car. **PCA decals are OK.**
- Take everything out of the car not supplied by the factory:
 - Aftermarket floor mats, maps, tissues, loose change, radar detectors, cell phones, cleaning supplies, car parts, tire pressure gauges, etc.

Non-factory items warrant deductions

MOST COMMON PARTICIPANT MISTAKES:

- Lack of knowledge about what will be judged.
- Not removing non-factory items (ex: emptying the glove compartment).
- Not leaving enough time to prepare and clean the car before an event.
- Spending 90% of efforts polishing and waxing; missing the rest.
- Missing obscure places i.e., pedal cluster, engine compartment.



Keep this light

- Remember that this is a competition, however the level of communication still needs to remain friendly.
- Competitors are often your friends. Do not share your opinions publicly in front of the owners.
- Be fair and consistent. If you missed judging a part or section on one car, miss it on all.
- *We are here to have FUN!* (*Participants and Judges*)



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Chesapeake Challenge

Classifications

- 1. Full Concours – most competitive**
- 2. Street-Prepared – less competitive**
- 3. Display – non-judged**
- 4. People's Choice**



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Chesapeake Challenge

Classifications: Judged

1. Full Concours

- **Exterior**
- **Interior**
- **Engine Compartment**
- **Storage**



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Classifications: Judged

2. Street-Prepared

- **Exterior**
- **Interior**



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Classifications:

Non-Judged

3. Display



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Classes:
**Within the Full
Concours and Street
Prepared categories,
cars are grouped into
Classes of similar
age and type.**

Classes

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Early 911/912 (1965 - 1973)

Mid 911/912 (1974-1989)

964 (1989-1994) / 993 (1995-1998)

996 (1999-2004) / 997 (2005-2012)

991/992 (2012 - present)

Boxster/Cayman (all years)

914

924/944/968/928 (all years)

Cayenne/Macan/Panamera (all years)

Competition/Modified (all years)



Judging Sheets – Age Points

Older cars are given bonus ‘Age Points’ = a half point for every year older than the newest car in the class.

