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The Porsche Club of America Chesapeake Region

Concours Judging School



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Introductions

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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.
- Modern events are less subjective, utilizing a point system to rank cars.



Various Concours Events

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



Chesapeake Concours

At Chesapeake Region Concours events...

- We use points to determine overall condition
- We judge for
Preparation,
Cleanliness,
Condition
NOT originality or authenticity



OBJECTIVES of Chesapeake Concours

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



JUDGING Process



Chesapeake Challenge

1. Judging teams are recruited by the Concours Committee.
2. Each team has a leader, who moves the team from car to car.
3. An official Timekeeper starts and stops judging. Each car is allocated 5 minutes.
4. Judges record scores and make comments for deductions.
5. The Team Leader collects the score cards.
6. Scores are tabulated.
7. Awards are presented.



Chesapeake Challenge Judging Teams

Teams have one Judge for each area of the car to be scored

FULL CONCOURS

Exterior Judge

Interior Judge

Engine Judge

Storage Judge

STREET PREPARED

Exterior Judge

Interior Judge



BASIC JUDGE DUTIES

- Dress for the occasion. Avoid any hanging loose jewelry and metal belt buckles.
- Arrive early to help park cars.
- Pickup a clipboard and pencil at Judges meeting.
- Familiarize yourself with the cars in your Category and Class before judging.
- 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

- 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.



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 a Car?

Participants are expected to take everything out of the car that was not supplied by the factory

Aftermarket floor mats, maps, tissues, loose change, radar detectors, cell phones, cleaning supplies, car parts, tire pressure gauges, etc.

Inclusion of non-factory items warrant deductions

Allowed Items

- PCA allows transponders that are permanently attached to the car
- PCA decals

What Factory-Supplied Items are Judged?

Factory Items Included in Judging

- Spare tire

Factory Items Excluded from Judging

- Tool kit
- Jack
- Air compressor
- Owners manual

Most Common Participant Mistakes:

- Lack of knowledge about what will be judged.
- Not removing non-factory items (ex: not 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)



Chesapeake Challenge Event Classifications

1. **Full Concours** – most competitive
2. **Street-Prepared** – less competitive
3. **Display** – not judged



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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)



Sample Judging Sheet

Porsche Club of America
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Full Concours Scoring Sheet

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Entrant _____

Year _____

Model _____

Car # _____

Interior

Seats, Mechanism of Seats and Belts	20	
Upholstery of Door and Side Panels	10	
Headliner (Including underside of Convertible Tops)	10	
Carpeting and Floor Covering (Includes Surface Under Floor Mats)	20	
Door Compartments, Pockets, Glove Box	10	
Dashboard, Steering Wheel, Instruments, Underside of Dash Down to Floor	10	
Door Hinges, Rubber, Fresh Air Vents	10	
Inner Surfaces of Glass	10	
Total	100	



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.

Age Points are determined by the Tabulation team, not by Judges.

