

## **CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE** **JUDGE'S BRIEFING SHEET**

All judging teams for a Concours d'Elegance will be responsible to the Event Chairperson. The key consideration for all teams is a good understanding of the judging sheet, judging procedures, and being consistent on each car judged as well as consistent with all other judging teams working the Concours event. Failure to achieve this consistency is the greatest single complaint from entrants. All judging teams must be willing to meet with the Event Chairperson in a pre-event briefing session. Teams will follow the general guidelines as they apply to each area. Judges cannot crawl, kneel or otherwise gain better access to review the underside/wheelwell(s) or any car (except as otherwise noted). Any object or item causing loss of points will be left in place for the entrant to see. All judging teams should review ALL the cars in the class or section before judging.

The judging team must make written comments on each entrant's judging sheet describing why certain points were deducted. Failure to do will result in no points being deducted for that area.

**Exterior Body:** Check fit of all panels for proper adjustment. Check for any damage or evidence of repair, mismatch of paint, rivet heads, body cracks or poor repairs. Do not deduct for wrinkles in soft tops due to normal use.

**Exterior Paint:** Cleanliness (room dust does not count, only true dirt which has been overlooked during clean-up). Finish (polish, luster, clarity). Look for depth in paint by examining reflected images. Check for quality of application and polishing. Check for damage, age, marks, peeling, blemishes, scratches, chips, and flaws. However, the factory paint finish may have imperfections such as "orange peel" and lack of depth of shine. Teams should allow for this condition on original paint.

**Glass:** Check for cleanliness and smudges (minor rock chips or dings do not count). Rubber trim around glass should be clean and no major cracks.

**Exterior Chrome/Trim:** Check for dirt, smudges, damage, age, peeling, blemishes, scratches, flaws, and rust. Also check for brightness and polish. All trim and emblems must be firmly attached.

**Wheels & Tires:** Check for general cleanliness. Tire treads should be free of rocks or stones. Do not deduct points for excess wear or excessive scrubbing due to autocross use. Tires must have sufficient (legal) tread depth.

**Wheel Wells:** Cleanliness, visible areas for wheelwells should be free from grease or damage.

**Carpet & Interior:** Cleanliness, obvious color fade, wear, missing components or damage

**Engine:** Cleanliness of engine block and compartment. Check for grease, dirt, and leaks. Be consistent. If a specific item is checked on one car, check the same item on ALL cars. Deletion of accessory or optional equipment is allowed; e.g. smog pump, air conditioning compressor, ignition shielding.

**1984 and later:** Judges may kneel down to view otherwise inaccessible areas such as lower body panels and front air dams but must remain a reasonable distance away from the car.

**NOTE:** It is the Event Chairperson's responsibility to insure all vehicles entered are supplied with the proper judging sheet. It is the entrants responsibility to insure the sheet is filled out.