

## **Important Judging/Meet (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 national meet (Nationals) much easier. We also hope to provide information to make your AACA National Meet (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** — Historic Preservation of Original Features (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, online at [members.aaca.org](http://members.aaca.org) or by using the card enclosed. If you register online you must print it out and mail your payment in along with the registration. Many seasoned show participants use the online process.

Please, write legibly on registration cards! It is very

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 essential for Class 36.

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 (meet). Forms may be obtained through national headquarters.

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. Complete details are in our Judging Guidelines.

### **Prior to and at the Nationals (Meet)**

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 (Meet) 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 wish to know areas of point deduction after the Nationals (meet) you may send a self addressed stamped envelope to the Vice-President of Class Judging (info on web or in magazine). Actual scores are not given out.

Now, most importantly **HAVE FUN!**

# AACA OFFICIAL VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION (Adopted December 1951, Revised 2019)

Class	Description	19E Classic vehicles, specifically named, 1940-1948	27M Production vehicles, 1978-1979
HPOF	Historical Preservation of Original Features	20A Production vehicles, (excluding Fords), 1930-1931	27N Production vehicles, 1980-1981
DPC	Driver Participation Class	20B Production vehicles, (excluding Fords), 1932-1933	27O Production vehicles, 1982-1983
01A	3-wheelers, Orient Buckboards & Cycle Cars thru 1941	20C Production vehicles, (excluding Fords), 1934-1935	27P Production vehicles, 1984-1985
01B	3-wheelers 1942-1994	20D Production vehicles, (excluding Fords), 1936-1937	27Q Production vehicles, 1986-1987
01C	Auto Red Bugs, Smith Flyers, Briggs & Stratton Flyers and similar vehicles thru 1994	20E Production vehicles, (excluding Fords), 1938-1939	27R Production vehicles, 1988-1989
02	High wheel (solid tire) buggy-type vehicles: thru 1919	20F Production vehicles, (excluding Fords), 1940-1945	27S Production vehicles, 1990-1994
03A	Electric vehicles: thru 1905	21A Ford "A", open vehicles, 1928-1929	29 Prestige vehicles, specifically named, 1946-1994
03B	Electric vehicles 1906 - 1994	21B Ford "A", closed vehicles, 1928-1929	30A Chevrolet Corvette, 1953-1962
04A	Small vehicles, specifically named thru 1941	21C Ford "A", open vehicles, 1930-1931	30B Chevrolet Corvette, 1963-1967
04B	Small vehicles, specifically named 1942-1994	21D Ford "A", closed vehicles, 1930-1931	30C Chevrolet Corvette, 1968-1977
04C	All Volkswagen vehicles thru 1994	21E 4 cyl and V-8 Ford vehicles, 1932-1934	30D Chevrolet Corvette, 1978-1983
05A	Motorcycles, thru 1919	21F 4 cyl and V-8 Ford vehicles, 1935-1937	30E Chevrolet Corvette, 1984-1994
05B	Motorcycles, 1920-1945	21G V-8 Ford vehicles, 1938-1940	31 Ford Thunderbird, 1955-1957
05C	Motorcycles, 1946-1959	21H Ford vehicles 6 cyl. & V-8, 1941-1948	32 Chevrolet (excluding Corvette), 1955-1957
05D	All motorized bicycles & mopeds including Whizzer, Sportsman & Ambassador models thru 1994	22A Commercial vehicles, load capacity under 1 ton-thru 1927	34A Ford Mustang, 1965-1966
05E	Cushman Eagles thru 1965	22B Commercial vehicles, load capacity under 1 ton-1928-1942	34B Ford Mustang, 1967-1970
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 to be judged.)	22C Commercial vehicles, load capacity under 1 ton-1943-1966	34C Ford Mustang, (including Mustang II) 1971-1994
05G	All motor scooters and other 2 or 3-wheeled vehicles with small dia. wheels (ex. Mustang cycles), 1961-1994 (all motorbikes with engine size 50cc must be street legal to be judged.)	22D Commercial vehicles, load capacity 1 ton & over thru 1927	34G Chevrolet Camaro (except High Perf.) 1967-1969
05H	Motorcycles, 1960-1994	22E Commercial vehicles, load capacity 1 ton & over-1928-1942	34H Chevrolet Camaro (except High Perf.) 1970-1981
06	Steam vehicles thru 1905	22F Commercial vehicles, load capacity 1 ton & over-1943-1966	34I Chevrolet Camaro (except High Perf.) 1982-1994
07	Steam vehicles, 1906-1914	22G Commercial vehicles, load capacity under 1 ton-1967-1994	35A Designated Limited Production and Prototype vehicles, thru 1994
08	Steam vehicles, 1915-1929	22H Commercial vehicles, load capacity 1 ton & over-1967-1994	35B Designated Limited Production & Proto type vehicles thru 1994 which do not meet criteria for 35A
09A	Gas vehicles, 1 cyl., thru 1912	22I Military Vehicles thru 1994	35C Pre-certified Second Generation Collector Vehicle (SGCV), thru 1994
09B	Gas vehicles, 2 or 3 cyl., thru 1913	23 Fire vehicles, thru 1994	36A Factory High Performance - Buick & Pontiac 1957-1969
10A	Ford "T", brass radiator, 1909-1912	24A Competition (documented and pre-certified racing vehicles-oval, circular or straight course) thru 1994	36B Factory High Performance - Chevrolet & Oldsmobile 1957-1969
10B	Ford "T", brass radiator, 1913-1916	24B Competition (documented and pre-certified racing vehicles-road, hill climb or gymkhana course) thru 1994	36C Factory High Performance - Chrysler, Dodge & Plymouth 1955-1969
11	Ford "T", steel shell radiator, 1917-1927	24C Competition (documented and pre-certified racing Motorcycles-all courses) thru 1994	36D Factory High Performance - Ford & Mercury 1957-1969
12	Gas vehicles, not previously classified, thru 1905	24D Unrestored Race Vehicles (documented & pre-certified) thru 1994 (preservation awards only)	36E Factory High Performance - American Motors Corp. 1960-1969
13A	Gas vehicles, 4 cyl., 1906-1909	25A Sports vehicles - thru 1960	36F Factory High Performance - Buick & Pontiac 1970-1987
13B	Gas vehicles, 4 cyl., 1910-1912	25B Sports vehicles - Open 1961-1969	36G Factory High Performance - Chevrolet & Oldsmobile 1970-1981
14	Gas vehicles, more than 4 cyl., 1906-1912	25C Sports vehicles - Closed 1961-1969	36H Factory High Performance - Chrysler, Dodge & Plymouth 1970-1980
15	Gas vehicles, 4 cyl., 1913-1919	25D Sports vehicles - Open 1970-1994	36I Factory High Performance - Ford & Mercury 1970-1980
16	Gas vehicles, more than 4 cyl., 1913-1919	25E Sports vehicles - Closed 1970-1994	36J Factory High Performance - American Motors Corp. 1970-1980
17A	Gas vehicles, 2-wheel brakes, 4 cyl. 1920-1929	26A Production vehicles, (excluding Fords), 1946-1947	36K Factory High Performance - Trucks 1966-1989
17B	Gas vehicles, 2 wheel brakes, more than 4 less than 8 cyl. 1920-1929	26B Production vehicles, (excluding 1948 Fords), 1948-1949	37A Professional Vehicles - Ambulances, funeral vehicles, taxis, police car thru 1942
17C	Gas vehicles, 2-wheel brakes, 8 cyl. or more 1920-1929	26C Production vehicles, 1950-1951	37B Professional Vehicles - Ambulances, funeral vehicles, taxis, police car 1943-1994
18A	Gas vehicles, 4-wheel brakes, 4 cyl. 1920-1929	26D Production vehicles, 1952-1953	38 Sport Utility Vehicles, 1966-1994
18B	Gas vehicles, 4-wheel brakes, more than 4 less than 8 cyl 1920-1929	27A Production vehicles, (excluding 1955 Chevrolet) 1954-1955	39 Special Interest Class - pre-certified thru 1994(display only)
18C	Gas vehicles, 4-wheel brakes, 8 cyl. & more 1920-1929	27B Production vehicles, (excluding Chevrolet) 1956-1957	
19A	Classic vehicles, specifically named, 1915-1931	27C Production vehicles, 1958-1959	
19B	Classic vehicles, specifically named, 1932-1933	27D Production vehicles, 1960-1961	
19C	Classic vehicles, specifically named, 1934-1936	27E Production vehicles, 1962-1963	
19D	Classic vehicles, specifically named, 1937-1939	27F Production vehicles, 1964-1965	
		27G Production vehicles, 1966-1967	
		27H Production vehicles, 1968-1969	
		27I Production vehicles, 1970-1971	
		27J Production vehicles, 1972-1973	
		27K Production vehicles, 1974-1975	
		27L Production vehicles, 1976-1977	

For more information go to:  
[www.aaca.org/meets](http://www.aaca.org/meets) and click on the Judges Info