

# STANDARD RULES FOR CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE EVENTS

## INTRODUCTION

**Concours d'Elegance** is referring to the gathering of prestigious vehicles. Traditionally vehicle judging at a Concours d'Elegance is much more demanding than that of general vehicle show. Trained judges selected by the organisers, examine the vehicle thoroughly and in its entirety. They rate each and every component. Only those vehicles that are judged perfect (or very nearly so) in every way, are considered eligible for trophy class.

Often the competitiveness of a Concours d'Elegance forces restoration of a vehicle to surpass 'mint' condition. Mint condition would be the state of the vehicle when it originally left the factory. Concours-quality vehicles often are given upholstery, paint, chrome (or nickel) plating, and mechanical restoration greatly exceeding that of the vehicle when new.

In a Concours d'Elegance, the emphasis is as much on originality as the condition. The general aim is to present a vehicle that is in the same condition that it was in when it left the production line. Unless original, modifications are not allowed and components must be suitable for the year and model of the vehicle. Even components or features fitted to vehicles of the same type, but in a different production year or trim level, are not allowed. Original-equipment-accessories from the manufacturers own range is allowed and some competitions allow after-market equipment and accessories, provided they are of the correct period.

Often Concours d'Elegance quality vehicles are not driven, except for short distances from their trailers, to the show fields or for a parade if needed by the organisers. They are not intended to be used as daily drivers and often are not seen outside of museums or private collections.

## 1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

### 1.1. Application.

These standard rules must be respected in all Concours d'Elégance events which will be organised under the authority and control of the FIVA and will be the basis for the rules of an ANF and/or an organiser.

Any case not provided for in these standard rules will be studied by the EC of FIVA, who has the power to decide.

The EC of FIVA may modify these standard rules by publication of a special bulletin which will be published at [www.fiva.org](http://www.fiva.org).

These standard rules are applicable as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012

### 1.2. Official Language.

For international events, the official language is English or French. In this case, only the English or French text will be binding.

For national events, the language of the organising country will be the official one.

### 1.3. FIVA Identity Card

The FIVA Identity Card is needed for each vehicle participating.

## **2 DEFINITIONS**

### **2.1. Regulations of the event.**

Official written document issued by the organiser with the object of laying down the details of the event.

Any case not foreseen in the regulations of the event during the running of the event will be judged by the Steward(s).

### **2.2. Crew.**

A crew is made up of at least one person.

### **2.3. Day.**

Each part of the event, separated by an overnight halt.

### **2.4. Bulletin.**

Official written communication to modify or complete the regulations of the event. Bulletins must have been approved by the organising committee before the start of the event or by the Clerk of the Course and the Steward during the event.

## **3 OFFICIALS**

### **3.1. Observer.**

The EC may nominate an observer for some events. The observer will review all aspects of the event and complete the FIVA observers report form.

### **3.2. FIVA Steward.**

The EC of FIVA will appoint one or more Steward(s) for an international event.

### **3.3. Clerk of the course**

The Clerk of the Course is charged with the application of the regulations of the event and their provisions during the event.

### **3.4. Public relations official (PR).**

The organiser may appoint a public relations official (PR). The PR must be easily identified by the participants.

## **4 DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT**

The organiser must give all details of the running of the event in the regulations of the event. For example: location of the start and finish, time schedule of the whole event, number of days etc.

## **5 ENTRIES**

### **5.1. Dates.**

The opening and closing dates for entries must be mentioned in the regulations of the event.

The list of participants, must be published and send to the FIVA Steward no later than five days before the start of the event.

#### **5.2. Entry fees.**

The entry fees must be specified in the regulations of the event.

The organiser may specify in the regulations of the event conditions to partially refund entry fees.

#### **5.3. Number of entries.**

The maximum number of entries will be specified in the regulations of the event.

#### **5.4. Refusal of an entry.**

In case of an entry being refused by the organiser they must notify the applicant of such refusal.

The organiser has the right to refuse an entry without giving a reason.

## **6 ELIGIBLE VEHICLES**

#### **6.1. Vehicle period classification.**

In all events, only vehicles can take part which are in accordance with the FIVA Technical Code and in possession of a FIVA Identity Card.

#### **6.2. Classes.**

For all events vehicles should be classified as follows:

Class A	Ancestor	build up to 01-01-1905.
Class B	Veteran	built between 01-01-1905 and 31-12-1918.
Class C	Vintage	built between 01-01-1919 and 31-12-1930.
Class D	Post vintage	built between 01-01-1931 and 31-12-1945.
Class E	Post war	built between 01-01-1946 and 31-12-1960.
Class F	Classic	built between 01-10-1961 and 31-12-1970
Class G		built between 01-01-1971 and the age limit of 30 years.

Other forms of classification may be used and sub-divisions are allowed. The acceptance of an entry for a certain class is at the discretion of the organiser.

## **7 INSURANCE – INDEMNITY DECLARATION**

#### **7.1 Insurance of the organiser.**

The regulations of the event must give details (insurance company + policy number).

#### **7.2 Insurance of the crew.**

Participants must have a valid insurance covering them during the event.

### **7.3 Indemnity declaration**

By signing the entry form, or by signing the indemnity declaration at the administrative checks, the crew declares that they accept following:

*I have been given the opportunity to read the regulations of the event and agree to be bound by them. I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am competent to do so. I acknowledge that I understand the nature and the type of the event and the potential risk and agree to accept that risk. I declare that to the best of my belief the driver(s) possess(es) the standard of competence necessary for an event of the type to which this entry relates and that the vehicle hereby entered is suitable and roadworthy for the event and that it is in conformity with the traffic laws and regulations for the use on public roads. I declare that the use of the vehicle entered will be covered by insurance as required by the law of the crossed country (countries). I declare that I am in the possession of a valid driving license.*

## **8 STANDARD DOCUMENTS - PROCEDURES**

### **8.1. Publication of regulations.**

The definitive regulations of the event must be published one month before the beginning of the event.

## **9 PRIZES – PRIZE CEREMONY**

The regulations of the event shall contain information about the, time, location and dress code of the prize ceremony.

Each trophy should bear the name of FIVA