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Presents:

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NCRS Concours Judging

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The NCRS Corvette Judging Reference Manual, 8th Edition ("JRM")

discusses *NCRS Flight Judging*
in Sections 2 and 3

NCRS now adds Sections 19 and
20 to the JRM, to discuss NCRS

Concours Judging



Sections 19 & 20 of the JRM are written to parallel Sections 2& 3.

Consequently, several items that pertain to Flight Judging will not apply to Concours Judging.



Here is the official announcement from Vol. 45, Issue #4, of the Corvette Restorer magazine.

Judging Chairman's Message

NCRS Concours Judging

Perhaps you noticed my post on the NCRS Discussion Board regarding online registration and processing for our new Concours Judging program. It is now time to make the announcement of the addition to the NCRS Corvette Judging Reference Manual for Concours Judging. The official IRM additions are below. It is written to parallel the equivalent Flight Judging sections.

SECTION 19 – NCRS CONCOURS JUDGING PURPOSE, STANDARD, GUIDELINES, RULES & PROCEDURES

1. MODEL YEARS JUDGED, MEMBERSHIP & VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

NCRS Concours Judging is open to any model year Corvette that is a model year which is eligible for NCRS Flight Judging, as long as the current owner is an NCRS member in good standing. The car must be entered and shown by the Owner/Member, and proof of ownership similar to that required for NCRS Flight Judging must be provided. The car must have the original, and correctly attached, factory-issued VIN plate. Alternatively, a state-approved replacement VIN plate that matches the title and/or vehicle registration will be accepted if it appears to comply with all of that state's regulations. Should a car appear with a Chevrolet (GM) issued duplicate VIN plate, it must be accompanied with documentation from Chevrolet Motor Division of GM confirming such issuance that is acceptable to NCRS. Any car appearing without identification as described here shall be ineligible for any NCRS Judging.

2. NCRS CONCOURS JUDGING STANDARD

Cars are to be judged solely for Appearance. The NCRS Concours Judging System is designed to accommodate vehicles that have been modified to the extent that they would be subject to significant Originality Deductions under the NCRS Flight Judging System. Originality will not be evaluated under the NCRS Concours Judging System. Appearance and Functionality will be the only categories evaluated under this program.

Because Originality is not a factor in this judging program, Trim Tags ("TT") and Service Parts Identification Labels ("SPIL") will not be required or evaluated.

Cars previously branded as Counterfeit for reasons related to TT or SPIL variances are eligible for judging under this program. Likewise, cars branded as Counterfeit for horsepower changes, casting number or date modifications and other such modifications will also be eligible for this program, however, cars branded as Counterfeit for VIN Tag variances will not be eligible for entry for judging under any NCRS judging system.

3. JUDGING PURPOSE

The purpose of NCRS Concours Judging is an effort by volunteer judging teams to evaluate the appearance of a Corvette that may not be a suitable candidate for NCRS Flight Judging. This judging program will recognize such vehicles and owners with awards that reflect the appearance of those vehicles. Further, this judging program shall foster transfer of knowledge between judges and owners.

4. JUDGING & AWARD DISCLAIMER

All NCRS Concours Judging Awards are presented subject to the following disclaimer:

NCRS does not certify or in any other way attest to the originality of any car receiving any NCRS judging award. NCRS judging awards represent the opinions of volunteer judges on a given date as they understand and interpret the Standards, which may, or may not, be correct. Any subsequent purchaser, observer or judge should evaluate such car only on the

basis of his or her own knowledge and without reliance on any NCRS judging award.

5. NCRS CONCOURS JUDGING DIVISIONS

NCRS Concours Judging shall be available to the same model years that are eligible for NCRS Flight Judging. From time to time, NCRS may expand the model years that are eligible for Flight Judging. NCRS Concours Judging Divisions shall be the same as those used for NCRS Flight Judging.

6. DIVISION SIZE LIMIT: ACCEPTANCE ORDER & MAILING

No Concours Judging Division shall have more than eight cars assigned to it. Priority for acceptance shall be the same as outlined in Section 2, Item 6, of this manual.

7. JUDGES LIMITS, RESTRICTION & CONFLICTS

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 7, of this manual.

8. OWNERSHIP & REPRESENTATION

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 8, of this manual.

9. PLACEMENT ON THE SHOW FIELD

All cars must be driven, under their own power, onto the show field. No cars will be judged in a trailer or any other location that is not on the show field.

10. LENGTH OF TIME ON DISPLAY & DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 10, of this manual.

11. SECURITY

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 11, of this manual.

12. NUMBER OF ENTRIES BY A MEMBER

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 12, of this manual.

13. FOR SALE OR COMMERCIAL MATERIAL

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 13, of this manual.

14. VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 14, of this manual.

15. JUDGING SUMMARY SHEET (Green Sheet) REQUIREMENTS

The owner is required to provide and fill out the information requested on the NCRS Judging Summary Sheet (the "Green Sheet"), and is required to read, agree to, and sign the Hold Harmless Clause on that form.

16. CONCOURS JUDGING SCORE SHEET REVIEW

Following Concours Judging of a particular judging section, the judges will review the score sheet with the owner, and answer any questions the owner may have regarding the judging decisions. Other features of this form shall be similar to the rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 16, of this manual.

17. SHARING OF JUDGED PARTS

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 17, of this manual.

18. ON-FIELD REPAIRS OR ALTERATIONS

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 18, of this manual.

19. OPERATIONS START & FAILURE TO START

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 19, of this manual.

20. NOT USED

21. NOT USED

22. REMOVAL OF ITEMS FOR JUDGING

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 22, of this manual.

23. NOT USED

24. CLEANLINESS

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 24, of this manual.

25. SAFETY, SECURITY, OTHER ALLOWANCES & SCORING BONUS

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 25, of this manual.

26. JUDGING CONTROVERSIES

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 26, of this manual.

27. BEHAVIOR

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 27, of this manual.

28. "APPROVED BY NCRS" DISCLAIMER

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 28, of this manual.

29. NOT USED

30. NOT USED

31. NOT USED

32. NOT USED

33. EVENT LIABILITY INSURANCE

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 33, of this manual.

34. COUNTERFEIT DISCOVERY PENALTIES

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 34, of this manual. However, the only portion of that item that will apply to NCRS Concours Judging is VIN Tag variances, also see Section 19, Item 2, above.

SECTION 20 – NCRS CONCOURS JUDGING SCORING SYSTEM

1. OVERALL SCORING

The NCRS Concours Judging scoring system is based on the deductive method of scoring. All cars begin the process with 2250 points. Wholepoint deductions are made for those items whose operation or appearance falls outside of the NCRS Concours Judging Standard. At the completion of judging, the total points deducted are subtracted from 2250. The bonus points outlined in Section 19, Item 25, are then added and the result is divided by 22.5 to arrive at a total net score that is based upon a 100-point system. These calculations are made to one decimal place and are rounded down to the nearest tenth. For example, a calculated score of 93.978 would be listed as 93.9 and noted as such on the score sheet and other appropriate records. This score would also be the Grand Total Score unless driven mileage points have been earned by the owner, as described under DRIVEN MILEAGE POINTS. These driven mileage points, described as a percentage, will be added to the net score to arrive at the Grand Total Score.

3. DRIVEN MILEAGE POINTS

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 3, Item 3, of this manual, except that the minimum net score necessary to receive mileage points is 85.0.

3. NOT USED

4. CONCOURS JUDGING SCORING RATINGS

The final Concours Grand Total Score will be used to determine the Concours Award(s) as follows:

Stock Division Blue Ribbon Award 94.0 through 100.0

Stock Division Red Ribbon Award 85.0 through 93.9

No Award Below 85.0

Modified Division 427 Award 94.0 through 100.0

Modified Division 327 Award 85.0 through 93.9

No Award Below 85.0

5. SCORING AREAS

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 3, Item 5, of this manual.

6. NOT USED

7. OPERATIONS SCORING

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 3, Item 7, of this manual.

8. NOT USED

9. NOT USED

10. NOT USED

11. NOT USED

12. APPEARANCE SCORING

NCRS Concours Judging will evaluate a part or component solely on its appearance when scoring the interior, exterior, Mechanical and Chassis sections. Originality will not be considered. When a part or component is not present, the judge should make a full deduction for the item if it is deemed to be "missing." However, if the judge determines that the part has been properly and skillfully "removed" by the owner in the process of personalizing the car, no deduction shall be taken. Judges should apply the following guidelines when evaluating appearance of an item:

Appearance is superior to typical factory production

0 deduction

Appearance is consistent with typical factory production 0-10% deduction

Appearance is slightly inferior to typical factory production 10-30% deduction

Appearance is grossly inferior to typical factory production 30-75% deduction

Missing (as defined above) 100% deduction

Damage and deterioration due to the passage of time are subject to Appearance

deductions. As with the NCRS Flight Judging System, a part that is simply "dirty" will not receive an Appearance deduction, but will be subject to a deduction for Cleanliness.

13. NOT USED

14. FULL OR MAJOR DEDUCTIONS ON APPEARANCE

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 3, Item 14, of this manual.

15. NOT USED

16. DEDUCTION SCORING, NOTATION & REVIEW

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 3, Item 16, of this manual.

17. TEAM LEADER REVIEW & TABULATION

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 3, Item 17, of this manual.

18. SCORE SHEETS RETURN TO OWNER

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 3, Item 18, of this manual.



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MODEL YEARS JUDGED, MEMBERSHIP & VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

NCRS Concours Judging is open to any model year Corvette that is a model year which is eligible for NCRS Flight Judging, as long as the current owner is an NCRS member in good standing. The car must be entered and shown by the Owner/Member, and proof of ownership similar to that required for NCRS Flight Judging must be provided. The car must have been originally manufactured as a Corvette by General Motors Corporation, and it must have the original, and correctly attached, factory-issued VIN plate.

Alternatively, a state-approved replacement VIN plate that matches the title and/or vehicle registration will be accepted if it appears to comply with all of that state's regulations. Should a car appear with a Chevrolet (GM) issued duplicate VIN plate, it must be accompanied with documentation from Chevrolet Motor Division of GM confirming such issuance that is acceptable to NCRS. Any car appearing without identification as described here shall be ineligible for any NCRS Judging.



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GUIDELINES, RULES & PROCEDURES

1. MODEL YEARS JUDGED, MEMBERSHIP & VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

- Model Years eligible: same as Flight Judging, currently 1953-2004
- Must be shown and owned by a member
- Must have been born as a Corvette...no kit cars
- Must have an original VIN Tag or state-issued tag or GM replacement Tag



NCRS CONCOURS JUDGING STANDARD

Cars are to be judged solely for Appearance. The NCRS Concours Judging System is designed to accommodate vehicles that have been modified to the extent that they would be subject to significant Originality Deductions under the NCRS Flight Judging System.

Originality will not be evaluated under the NCRS Concours Judging System. Appearance and Functionality will be the only categories evaluated under this program.

Because Originality is not a factor in this judging program, Trim Tags (“TT”) and Service Parts Identification Labels (“SPIL”) will not be required or evaluated. Cars previously branded as Counterfeit for reasons related to TT or SPIL variances are eligible for judging under this program. Likewise, cars branded as Counterfeit for horsepower changes, casting number or date modifications and other such modifications will also be eligible for this program. However, cars branded as Counterfeit for VIN Tag variances will not be eligible for entry for judging under any NCRS judging system.



2. NCRS CONCOURS JUDGING STANDARD

- All cars are to be judged on Appearance and Operations only
- Originality and CDCIF are not factors
- Customization is allowed and encouraged
- Trim Tags (“TT) and Service Parts Identification Labels (“SPIL”) are not necessary or required
- Cars previously branded Counterfeit by NCRS *are* eligible, *except* for cars branded due to VIN Tag issues



JUDGING PURPOSE

The purpose of NCRS Concours Judging is an effort by volunteer judging teams to evaluate the appearance of a Corvette that may not be a suitable candidate for NCRS Flight Judging. This judging program will recognize such vehicles and owners with awards that reflect the appearance of those vehicles. Further, this judging program shall foster transfer of knowledge between judges and owners.



JUDGING PURPOSE

- Volunteer Judges will evaluate Appearance and functionality
- Awards are appearance-based
- Sharing of information is important and encouraged



4. JUDGING & AWARD DISCLAIMER

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NCRS does not certify or in any other way attest to the originality of any car receiving any NCRS judging award. NCRS judging awards represent the opinions of volunteer judges on a given date as they understand and interpret the Standards, which may, or may not, be correct. Any subsequent purchaser, observer or judge should evaluate such car only on the basis of his or her own knowledge and without reliance on any NCRS judging award.



JUDGING & AWARD DISCLAIMER

- We are a car club that judges Corvettes
- Our Judges are unpaid volunteers
- We do not certify or financially value the cars we judge
- Persons who place any value on our awards do so at their own risk



NCRS CONCOURS JUDGING DIVISIONS

NCRS Concours Judging shall be available to the same model years that are eligible for NCRS Flight Judging. There shall be two Judging Divisions within each model-year grouping. The Stock Division includes all cars that are basically stock appearing (fiberglass, body color, etc.) with the doors, hood and trunk closed, disregarding wheels and tires. The Modified Division includes all cars that do not qualify for the Stock Division.



NCRS CONCOURS JUDGING DIVISIONS

- All model years currently available for Flight Judging are eligible for Concours Judging
- Two Divisions for Concours Judging:
 - Stock Division
 - With doors, hood and trunk (ise) closed, the car and paint color are factory stock-appearing; disregard wheels and tires
 - Modified Division-all others



Several Items are the same as in Flight Judging:

6. DIVISION SIZE LIMIT, ACCEPTANCE ORDER & MAILING
7. JUDGES LIMITS, RESTRICTION & CONFLICTS
8. OWNERSHIP & REPRESENTATION
9. PLACEMENT ON THE SHOW FIELD
10. LENGTH OF TIME ON DISPLAY & DISPLAY REQ
11. SECURITY
12. NUMBER OF ENTRIES BY A MEMBER
13. FOR SALE OR COMMERCIAL MATERIAL
14. VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE



15. JUDGING SUMMARY SHEET (Green Sheet) REQUIREMENTS

The owner is required to provide and fill out the information requested on the NCRS Judging Summary Sheet (the “Green Sheet”) and is required to read, agree to, and sign the Hold Harmless Clause on that form.

- Correct entry of Member # and VIN are essential
- Hold Harmless signature is mandatory
- Disclosure statement & signature unnecessary



16. CONCOURS JUDGING SCORE SHEET REVIEW

Following Concours Judging of a particular judging section, the judges will review the score sheet with the owner, and answer any questions the owner may have regarding the judging decisions. Other features of this Item shall be similar to the rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 16, of this manual.

- The review after a section is completed is a brief review; a more comprehensive review can occur at the completion of all judging
- Owner must initial the score sheet
- Write legibly and clearly...these are the only copies of the score sheets



Several Items are the same as in Flight Judging:

- 17. SHARING OF JUDGED PARTS
- 18. ON FIELD REPAIRS OR ALTERATIONS
- 19. OPERATIONS START & FAILURE TO START
- 22. REMOVAL OF ITEMS FOR JUDGING



Several Items are not necessary in Concours Judging:

20. Documentation

21. Vehicle Display for Judging

23. Engine Identification Stamp Pad



Several Items are the same as in Flight Judging:

24. CLEANLINESS

25. SAFETY, SECURITY, OTHER
ALLOWANCES & SCORING BONUS

26. JUDGING CONTROVERSIES

27. BEHAVIOR

28. “APPROVED BY NCRS” DISCLAIMER

33. EVENT LIABILITY INSURANCE



Several Items are not necessary in Concours Judging:

29. Judging Deposits

30. Req'd National Judging Prerequisite

31. Suggested Judging Prerequisites

32. Flight or PV Entry



34. COUNTERFEIT DISCOVERY PENALTIES

NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 2, Item 34, of this manual. However, the only portion of that Item that will apply to NCRS Concours Judging is VIN Tag variances; also see Section 19, Item 2 above.

- By definition, NCRS Concours Judging allows modification of the Member's Corvette
- Most items that would cause a car to be branded Counterfeit in NCRS Flight Judging are *disregarded* in NCRS Concours Judging
- The exception to the above...



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- **Any Corvette** entered for **any NCRS Judging** that is determined to have VIN Tag variances will be branded **Counterfeit**
- There are governmental remedies to certain VIN Tag variances that will allow for removal of the NCRS Counterfeit brand



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1. OVERALL SCORING.

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1. OVERALL SCORING.

- Similar to Flight Judging
- Deductive Scoring Method...starting from a base of 2250 points
- Driving Points are offered and available
- Convert to a % by dividing points by 22.5



DRIVEN MILEAGE POINTS

2. NCRS Concours Judging shall utilize the same rules and procedures as outlined in Section 3, Item 3, of this manual, except that the minimum net score necessary to receive mileage points is 85.0.

- Every 10 miles = 0.1% added to net score
- All net scores >85.0 are eligible
- Max Driving Points = net score x 10%



Several Items are not necessary in Concours Judging:

3. Mileage Points Not Applicable
6. Standard Deduction Tables
8. Matrix Scoring System - Overview
9. Originality Scoring
10. Assigned Originality & Condition Points
11. 10% Originality Rule
13. Crossover Judging



4. CONCOURS JUDGING SCORING RATINGS

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No Award	Below 85.0

Modified Division 427 Award	94.0 through 100.0
Modified Division 327 Award	85.0 through 93.9
No Award	Below 85.0

- Two Divisions with two awards each
 - Stock Division
 - Stock Division Blue Ribbon Award= 94.0 to 100.0
 - Stock Division Red Ribbon Award= 85.0 to 93.9
 - Modified Division
 - Modified Division 427 Award= 94.0 to 100.0
 - Modified Division 327 Award= 85.0 to 93.9



Several Items are the same as in Flight Judging:

5. SCORING AREAS

7. OPERATIONS SCORING

14. FULL OR MAJOR DEDUCTIONS ON
APPEARANCE

16. DEDUCTION SCORING, NOTATION &
REVIEW

17. TEAM LEADER REVIEW & TABULATION

18. SCORE SHEETS RETURN TO OWNER



12. APPEARANCE SCORING

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Judges should apply the following guidelines when evaluating appearance of an item:

Appearance is superior to typical factory production (TFP)	0% deduction
Appearance is consistent with TFP	0-10% deduction
Appearance is slightly inferior to TFP	10-30% deduction
Appearance is grossly inferior to TFP	30-75% deduction
Missing (as defined above)	100% deduction

Damage and deterioration due to the passage of time are subject to Appearance deductions. As with the NCRS Flight Judging System, a part that is simply “dirty” will not receive an Appearance deduction, but will be subject to a deduction for Cleanliness.



12. APPEARANCE SCORING

- Superior to TFP Deduct 0%
- Consistent with TFP Deduct 0-10%
- Slightly Inferior to TFP Deduct 10-30%
- Grossly Inferior to TFP Deduct 30-75%
- Missing* Deduct 100%

*Missing? Please explain



12. APPEARANCE SCORING

Missing? Please explain

- A part or component that is simply missing will receive a 100% deduction
- But, a part or component properly and skillfully removed in the course of personalization will not be treated as a missing item





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