



MG CAR CLUB CAPE TOWN COMBINED CENTRES INDABA 3rd – 6th SEPTEMBER 2020 OUDTSHOORN

MG CAR CLUB COMBINED SOUTHERN AFRICAN CENTRES CONCOURS D'ETAT STANDING REGULATIONS

1. SCOPE

These Regulations cover the requirements for eligibility of vehicles, presentation of vehicles, and general organization of Concours d'Etat competitions held under the auspices of MGCCCSAC or any of its Member Centres.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 MGCCCSAC – means the MG Car Club Combined Southern African Centres.
- 2.2 CONCOURS d'ETAT – means a competition in which eligible vehicles are judged on a uniform basis for their state of cleanliness, physical condition, degree of originality and authenticity of repair or restoration.
- 2.3 ESR's – means the Concours d'Etat Standing Regulations which are the regulations contained in this document.
- 2.4 ACR's – means Additional Concours Regulations as defined in clause 4.
- 2.5 PROMOTER – means the MGCCCSAC or one of its Member Centres under whose auspices the event is held/organised.
- 2.6 CHIEF JUDGE – means the Official appointed by the PROMOTERS to organise and control a CONCOURS d'ETAT event.

3. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

In addition to the ESRs, CONCOURS d'ETAT events are to be governed by the latest editions of the under-mentioned documents, and they form part of, and are to be read in conjunction with, these ESR's:

- a) MGCCCSAC Concours d'Etat Score Sheets
- b) MGCCCSAC Concours d'Etat Judges' Guide
- c) MGCCCSAC Official Vehicle Guides
- d) ACR's issued by the CHIEF JUDGE
- e) Final Instructions issued by the CHIEF JUDGE

4. ADDITIONAL CONCOURS REGULATIONS

- 4.1 The PROMOTERS of the CONCOURS d'ETAT shall publish ACR's for distribution to Entrants at least six weeks prior to the date of the event.
- 4.2 The ACR's shall contain at least the following information:
 - a) The name and nature of the Competition



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- b) The name and address of the PROMOTERS
- c) The following paragraph:
“Held under the auspices of the MG Car Club Combined Southern African Centres in accordance with the MGCCCSAC Concours d’Etat Standing Regulations.”
- d) The date, place, and starting time of the event
- e) The names of the Officials
- f) The eligibility requirements or rules
- g) The classes of vehicles
- h) The minimum and/or maximum numbers of entries in each class
- i) The entry fee (if any)
- j) When entries open and close (date and time)
- k) The address to which entries must be sent
- l) The date, time, place, and method of publication of provisional and/or final results
- m) Particulars of awards
- n) Presentation of awards
- o) Any other information that is relevant to the event

5. ELIGIBILITY OF VEHICLES

- 5.1 The CONCOURS d’ETAT is open to currently paid-up members of a recognised centre of the MG Car Club who own MG motor cars, which are considered by the CHIEF JUDGE to be in a suitable state of condition and authenticity.
- 5.2 Unless otherwise stated in the ACR’s, all competing vehicles shall be in a fully roadworthy condition and licensed for use on public roads.
- 5.3 Unless otherwise stated in the ACR’s, all competing vehicles shall be driven to the competition venue or alternatively shall be demonstrated as being capable of being driven at the discretion of the CHIEF JUDGE.

6. CLASSES OF VEHICLES

The CONCOURS d’ETAT shall be divided into a number of suitable classes based on age or model groups. Each class should as far as possible include all the year models of a similar design or series. Each competing vehicle shall compete in its allocated class. The actual classes shall be defined in the ACR’s.

7. SELECTION OF ENTRIES

- 7.1 The PROMOTERS may restrict the number of entries in each class. The total number of entries in each class shall be specified in the ACR’s.
- 7.2 For National events the total number of entries per Centre for each class shall not exceed three (3) of any model group. Each Centre may select up to the specified maximum number of



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Entrants per class and shall submit entries on the prescribed entry form to the CHIEF JUDGE on or before the specified closing date for entries.

8. ENTRIES

- 8.1 All entries shall be made on the prescribed entry form.
- 8.2 Entries are to be in the possession of the CHIEF JUDGE by the closing date specified in the ACR's, which date shall be at least one month prior to the date of the competition to allow for adequate planning.
- 8.3 Unless otherwise stated in the ACR's no late entries will be accepted.
- 8.4 An entry fee may be levied by the PROMOTERS and, if so, shall be specified in the ACR's. All entry fees shall accompany the entry forms.

9. STARTING TIME

- 9.1 The starting time of the competition shall be specified in the ACR's.
- 9.2 All competing vehicles shall be presented at the appointed venue no later than 30 minutes prior to the starting time of the competition, i.e. prior to the commencement of judging.
- 9.3 Unless otherwise stated in the ACR's, late arrivals will not be permitted to enter the judging area and will be disqualified from the competition.

10. ARRANGEMENT OF VEHICLES

A separate area, referred to as the Judging Area, and preferably cordoned off, shall be set aside for judging CONCOURS d'ETAT cars. The CHIEF JUDGE shall cause the competing vehicles to be arranged within the judging area in groups according to the various classes. This shall take place before the starting time of the competition.

11. PRESENTATION OF VEHICLES

All competing vehicles will be presented to the Judges as follows:

- 11.1 All roadsters and tourers shall be presented with their SOFT TOPS ERECT. No hard tops will be permitted.
- 11.2 All roadsters and tourers shall be presented with the passenger's side screens erect. Driver's side screens are to be placed with the tools (see clause 11.7).
- 11.3 Vehicles with wind-up windows shall be presented with ALL wind-up windows in the RAISED position.
- 11.4 All vehicles shall be presented with bonnet and boot (where applicable) in the OPEN position. Vehicles with side opening bonnets shall have the driver's side bonnet RAISED.
- 11.5 All vehicles shall be presented with the battery/batteries made visible for judging, i.e. the battery cover must be OPEN. Where the battery compartment cover has to be removed for this, then the cover must be placed with the tools (see clause 11.7).
- 11.6 All tools fitted in clips to the body shall be in position in their respective clips.



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- 11.7 All tool kits are to be unstowed and displayed open together with other loose tools, jacks, etc., driver's side screens, battery covers and driver's handbook on a suitable sheet or mat at least 1.5 metres away from the front of the vehicle.
- 11.8 Vehicles with boot-stowed spare wheel shall have the spare wheel unstowed and presented on the ground at least 1.5 metres away from the front of the vehicle.
- 11.9 No books other than the driver's handbook shall be permitted on the display. Photo albums and/or other books of reference may be kept outside the Judging Area for settlement of disputes, if any.
- 11.10 No previous trophies, photographs or other memorabilia will be permitted in the Judging Area.
- 11.11 Accessories not fitted to the car, such as an optional hard top, will not be permitted in the Judging Area.
- 11.12 All vehicles shall be presented complete and ready for the road. Unless otherwise stated in the ACR's, valid licence and third party tokens shall be properly displayed and the vehicle shall be fitted with proper legal number plates. Fancy show plates will not be permitted.
- 11.13 Each participating vehicle shall carry an approved Dry Powder type fire extinguisher of a minimum 1.0 kg capacity plus 2 red triangles. If the fire extinguisher is not permanently fitted to the vehicle, then it shall be placed with the tools etc. in front of the vehicle as provided for in clause 11.7 above.

12. RESPONSIBILITY OF ENTRANTS

- 12.1 Entrants shall familiarise themselves with the ESR's and ACR's, and on signing the entry form acknowledge that they have done so.
- 12.2 Entrants, on entering the Judging Area, place themselves under the jurisdiction and control of the CHIEF JUDGE and shall obey all instructions issued by him or any of his nominated officials.
- 12.3 Entrants shall present their vehicles as provided for in the ESR's, ACR's and Final Instructions.
- 12.4 The Entrant or, if not available, his specific appointed nominee shall be present throughout the judging to answer queries and to open/close/operate as required by the Judges.
- 12.5 Entrants shall limit themselves to answering queries and carrying out instructions of the Judges, and shall not interfere with, or attempt to influence the judging in any way.

13. JUDGES

- 13.1 The CHIEF JUDGE shall appoint sufficient Judges in each section of the competition to complete the judging within the allotted time.
- 13.2 The CHIEF JUDGE shall appoint Judges that are sufficiently knowledgeable on the sections for which they have been selected to give fair judgement with the aid of the Judges' Guide or other acceptable available documentation. This particularly applies to Section 6 - Originality and Authenticity.
- 13.3 No person who has entered a vehicle may judge in the same event.



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- 13.4 No person who has been involved on a commercial basis with the restoration of an entry may judge on that event.
- 13.5 The CHIEF JUDGE shall arrange for a Judges' Briefing to be held before the date of the event. All Judges shall be required to be present at this meeting, during which they will be briefed on their duties and be issued with a Judges' Guide, Vehicle Guide (if available), pro-forma score sheets, entry list and any other information that is pertinent.

14. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

- 14.1 The CHIEF JUDGE shall be responsible for the complete organisation and control of the event and shall be answerable to the PROMOTERS for this.
- 14.2 The CHIEF JUDGE shall have the power to appoint and/or dismiss such Secretaries, Judges, Scorers and Other Officials, as he may deem necessary.
- 14.3 The CHIEF JUDGE shall receive entries and have the power to reject or accept such entries.
- 14.4 The CHIEF JUDGE shall have the power to make a ruling on any query or point of difference between Entrants and Judges.
- 14.5 The CHIEF JUDGE shall have the power to disqualify any Entrant who has failed to meet any official requirements, or who contravenes any of the rules laid down by the ESR's, ACR's, and Final Instructions, or who disobeys official instructions of any Judge or who interferes with, or tries to influence any of the Judges.
- 14.6 The CHIEF JUDGE shall attempt to resolve any dispute amicably. Should this fail, then he will refer the dispute to the Stewards of the meeting.

15. DISPUTES

- 15.1 A dispute shall be declared when the ruling of the CHIEF JUDGE is not accepted by an Entrant and all reasonable attempts to resolve the difference amicably have failed.
- 15.2 All disputes shall be referred by the CHIEF JUDGE to the Stewards for a ruling.

16. STEWARDS

- 16.1 The PROMOTERS shall appoint two impartial Stewards to act as arbitrators in the event of a dispute.
- 16.2 The Stewards' duties shall be to hear evidence from all relevant parties to a dispute, as well as that from any witness, and having heard such evidence, to give a fair ruling on the dispute according to the evidence presented. The Stewards' ruling shall be binding on all parties to the dispute.

17. SCORE SHEETS AND SCORING

- 17.1 The score sheets shall be the Official Score Sheets currently approved by the National Council of the MGCCCSAC.
- 17.2 No additions, omissions, or alterations to the scope of the Score Sheets shall be permitted.



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- 17.3 In the event of a Judge wishing to alter or correct an entered score on the Score Sheet, the incorrect score shall be cancelled with a single bold stroke and the correct score written above or adjacent to it. Each such alteration/correction shall be signed in full by the Judge (not initialled).
- 17.4 Each completed Score Sheet shall be signed in the allocated space by the relative Judge before it is collected and/or handed to the Scorers.

18.RESULTS

- 18.1 Provisional results in the form of a Master Score Sheet, or an extract there-from, shall be displayed at the appointed time and place. The Entrants' Score Sheets shall be available for their perusal at the same time.
- 18.2 After the expiry of the official protest time, and subsequent to the settlement of any protest, the final results will be published at the appointed time and place.

19.PROTESTS

- 19.1 A protest period of 30 (thirty) minutes shall be allowed after the posting of the provisional results.
- 19.2 Protests shall be made in writing and shall be accompanied by a protest fee of R50.00.
- 19.3 The protest fee shall be repayable, regardless of whether upheld or not, provided that it is not considered by the Stewards to have been made maliciously, or without due consideration, or in the absence of good faith.

20.AWARDS

- 20.1 The PROMOTERS shall make such awards as they may deem fit.
- 20.2 All awards shall be in the form of floating trophies, with or without miniatures. No cash or awards other than club sponsored floating trophies, certificates and awards will be permitted.
- 20.3 Details of awards and rules pertaining to awards shall be published in the ACR's.
- 20.4 The date, time and venue for the presentation of awards shall be published in the ACR's or Final Instructions.