



Mercedes-Benz Club of NSW Concours d'Elegance 2019

Judging Criteria

The major purpose of the Concours d'Elegance is to recognize and reward owners who have done the most outstanding job of care and maintenance of their Mercedes-Benz vehicles. A panel of Judges will inspect all cars entered to determine those most worthy of awards.

There will be four categories of judging:

1. **Concours Classes (1 to 11)** where the highest standard of originality or restoration to "showroom" condition is being sought.
2. **Road Class (Class 12)** is available for vehicles that are not necessarily of Concours standards, but are otherwise in clean, roadworthy condition. Road Class vehicles are not eligible to win Outright Winner Award or Champion of Champions. No age criteria points awarded. Will be judged by one judge only.
3. **Champion of Champions Award** Outright winners from the previous three years Concours, plus Concours Class 1-11 winners from previous two consecutive years, and last year's Champion of Champions compete for this coveted award. ICJAG Judging rules.
4. **Modified Vehicles (Class 13)**. All Types. Brabus, Kleeman, Lorinser, Carlsson, AMG models (pre-1998 takeover only) and vehicles with significant aftermarket or structural modifications. Minimum of five modifications required. Vehicles with fewer than five modifications enter in appropriate class. Modified Vehicles are not eligible to win Outright Winner Award or Champion of Champions. No age criteria points awarded. Will be judged by one judge only.

In order to maintain a high standard and to allow the earliest possible finish, five judges will be selected for Concours Classes 1-11. All will be very knowledgeable on matters relating to the Mercedes-Benz marque. These judges will evaluate the field of cars for competition according to specific criteria relating to the condition of the vehicle on the day. Naturally, the judges will take into consideration the age, mileage and originality of each vehicle. The judges will be looking for:

- Detailing and presentation
- Condition of vehicle and components, and
- Originality or authenticity of restoration (i.e. cleanliness, completeness, originality and functionality). For Modified cars, age and originality are not considered.

Five areas will be judged: Interior, Exterior, Engine Bay, Under-body, and Boot (including tool kit, keys, accessories etc.). Specifically:

- **Interior:** items such as dash, steering wheel, doors, headlining, seats, upholstery, floor mats and pan, trims, visors, instruments, original to the vehicle (except seat belts fitted to earlier vehicles for safety). Non-original items such as car phones, alarms, speakers, air-conditioners etc may attract deduction of marks, as will leather cracking through colour, worn or torn carpets etc. The car should be emptied of extraneous items for judging.
- **Exterior:** panels, paintwork, chrome, trim, glass, lamps, grille, rubbers and number-plates, for example, will be assessed. Body panel dents, rust, poor finish, over-spray, worn or perished rubbers, excessive glue, non-original sunroofs, or non-original chrome wheel arches will result in a deduction of marks.
- **Engine Bay:** everything seen and 'checkable' with the bonnet up (including batteries, v belts, hoses, firewalls, and wiring for example). All should be clean but not excessively polished; points will be lost for corrosion, oil and water leaks, wrong or worn/frayed/stained hoses, clamps, batteries etc.
- **Under-body:** mudguards, wheel arches, drive train, suspension and exhaust components should be clean and free of oil leaks and rust.
- **Boot:** including interior colour, spare tyre, and accessories. It also needs to be emptied of extraneous items for judging. However, original items such as additional keys, spare tyre, safety triangle, logbook, owner's manual, and tool kit should be included for display.

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Note that it is essential that the owner is available to open the boot (which you may wish to lock to secure valuables during most of the day) for inspection by judges.