

2025 Concours d'Élégance and Display Day

In conjunction with Lennock Motors German Auto Day

This article sets out the Concours Rules, Structure, Trophies and Awards, Standard of Presentation, Entry Fees and Registration Arrangements. They are also available on our website: act.mercedes-benz-clubs.com, and via Facebook: facebook.com/groups/mbcact

A. CONCOURS RULES

1. Entry is open to all Mercedes-Benz owners who wish to participate, subject to the payment of the appropriate fee, as detailed in Section F below, and adherence to the rules as set out in this document.
2. Entrants wishing to enter the event must register their car(s) on or before Monday 22nd of September 2025 as detailed in Section F below.
3. It is requested that vehicles for competition or display be at the designated mustering point between 8:30am and 9:00am on the day of the event so they may be properly parked before 10:00am. The gates will close for participants at 9:45am.
4. To be eligible for entry into a competing division, a vehicle must:
 - have travelled a minimum of 20,000km from new;
 - have current valid registration, be it full, club, trader's or unregistered vehicle permit;
 - be in allotted position no later than 10:00am; and
 - be driven onto and leave the Concours area under its own power.
5. Vehicles leaving the area prior to the award ceremony, which is planned to be at 2:00pm, will be deemed as having been withdrawn from the competition unless previously agreed with the Concours Director.
6. Vehicles will be judged on three criteria:
 - cleanliness;
 - condition; and
 - alignment with original design.
7. Vehicles in the Modified Class are judged on cleanliness and condition only, not originality and not on the degree of modification.
8. A vehicle that has been completely restored will be judged as being a vehicle in original condition that has been extremely well maintained - it will not be penalised simply for being restored.
9. The Chief Judge's decisions are final and NOT subject to discussion.
10. No Concours entrant or their associate is permitted to interfere with the judging process. Genuine concerns should be raised with the Concours Director as they arise.
11. Concours judges may approach owners / participants to seek clarification on vehicle details.
12. The Chief Judge is permitted to split or amalgamate classes depending on the number and quality of the vehicles entered.
13. If a vehicle has a soft top and a hard top the owner shall nominate which is to be judged. Open top vehicles must be presented for judging with a top in place.
14. Vehicles to be judged must be unlocked to permit access to the vehicle by the judges. Any vehicle that is locked at the time of judging will not be judged.
15. "For Sale" or other advertising notices are not to be displayed in or on any vehicle.
16. No trailers will be permitted on the Concours parking areas.

Sunday 28 September, Patrick White Lawns, Parkes ACT

B. STRUCTURE

There are three competitive divisions (Road, Club and Champion Divisions) and one noncompetitive division (Display Division). These divisions are further separated into Classic and Modern groups. These groups ensure that relatively new cars are not competing, and therefore have an unfair advantage, for the same Outright awards as older cars. There is an Outright winner for both the Classic and Modern group.

The following table depicts the allocation of models and styles to the Road and Club Divisions. Note that vehicles in Display Division will not be parked / displayed with their appropriate Road and Club class; those in Champion Division will also be displayed separately.

Body Models and Styles	Club Division Class	Road Division Class
Classic group		
Pre-War and Chassis cars - Type 170, 220 and 300 (Adenauer) models	A	1
Roundie / Finnie sedans - W105/W120/W121/W128/W180 sedan, W110/W111 sedan	B	1
Roundie / Finnie coupe & cabriolet - W111, W112, W128, W180	C	1
W108/109 sedan	D	1
Gullwing / Roadster - W198, W121 (190SL), W113 (Pagoda) W100 600	E	2
Classic Roadster / Coupe - R107/C107 roadster/coupe	F	2
E Class Early - W114/W115 sedan, W123/S123/C123 sedan/wagon/coupe	G	3
S Class Early - W116 sedan, W126/C126 sedan/coupe, W140 sedan/coupe	H	3
C / CLK Class Early - sedan/wagon/coupe/cabriolet W201,W202, S202, W208/A208	I	3
E Class Middle Era - W124, C124, A124, S124 sedan, coupe, cabriolet, wagon, W210 sedan/wagon	J	4
SL and SLK Roadster - R129, R170	K	4
Modern group		
SL / SLK Late - R171, R172, R230 onwards	L	5
A and B Class - W168, W251 onwards	M	5
C, CLK, CLS and E Class Late - W203, W211, W219 onwards	N	5
SUV variants - GLA, GLB, GLC, GLE, GLS, V-class Viano	O	5
S Class Late - W220, W221/W222 sedan/coupe	P	5
ML and G Class - W460/W463/W163/W164/W166 onwards	Q	5
Modified Vehicles - including pre-1993 AMG vehicles	R	-
Commercial Vehicles	-	6

Club Division. There are eighteen classes for Club Division as shown above. All aspects of these cars will be judged according to our "Standard of Presentation" statement at Section D below. Club Division winners from the previous year will compete in the Champion Division – see below. Modified Class applies only in Club Division. Modified vehicles are those that have been significantly modified from the original design. Specifications of modifications may be requested by the Chief Judge to decide if the vehicle is appropriate to enter this class. Official Mercedes-Benz produced AMG models (ie post-1993) will not be regarded as modified cars.

There is a minimum standard for a win in any Club Class. If no car within a certain class achieves this standard then the Chief Judge has the right to not award a trophy.

Road Division. There are six classes for Road Division as shown in the Concours Classes table above. These cars will be judged on those exterior aspects that would be visible if parked on the street (i.e. paintwork, chrome, tyres etc.). At the discretion of the owner, the car may be entered for the engine bay awards.

There is a minimum standard for a win in any Road Class. If no car within a certain class achieves this standard, then the Chief Judge has the right to not award a trophy.

Commercial class applies only in Road Division. Eligible vehicles must be either dedicated commercial vehicles, or a campervan/motorhome. No deductions will be made for vehicles based on their sign writing.

Champion Division. This is our “Champion of Champions” Division. Entrants are the various winners from Club Division of the previous year. Champion of Champion Cars are judged on the same basis as Club Division and the winner will be awarded the Mercedes-Benz (Australia) Champions Trophy. With the exception of the winner, all entrants in Champion Division will automatically revert to their respective Club Division Class in the following year. The winner of Champion Division will not be able to compete in the following year’s event.

Display Division. All attending vehicles not entered into competitive Divisions are automatically entered into this “show and shine” category. If in the opinion of the Chief Judge a Display division car is deemed to have promise and be eligible for a competitive Division class with no entrants, the vehicle may compete in its newly designated Division/Class provided the entry fee is paid.

C. AWARDS and TROPHIES

Trophies are to be awarded within the three competitive divisions as follows:

- *Class Winner Award - for highest score in each of the classes within the Club and Road competitive divisions;*
- *Classic group best engine bay & Modern group best engine bay awards;*
- *The “Distance Award” for the greatest distance for a car for judging driven to Canberra from the member’s registered vehicle garage;*
- *The Best Paint Finish Award (Classic group only) - noting that a recent re-spray won’t necessarily beat an excellent original paint finish;*
- *The Best Interior Award (Classic group only) – this is presented to a vehicle from the Classic group scoring the highest points overall for its interior;*
- *The Life Members’ Encouragement Award, judged by consensus of the Life Members present or Chief Judge on the day. It is generally awarded as an encouragement for the owner of a car that has not been successful in its class but which shows promise;*
- *The Champion of Champions Award, is for the highest points scorer among the class winners from the previous year’s Concours that makes up the Champions Division. As this is the only division where classic and modern cars will compete against each other, entrants from the Modern Group will have a 10% penalty;*
- *The Outright Winner Classic Group & Outright winner Modern Group. The Outright Winner for each group is the highest scorer of any entrant including those in the Champion of Champions Division. The 10% penalty is removed from the Modern cars.*
- *The President’s Award is awarded at the President’s discretion.*

D. STANDARD of PRESENTATION for VEHICLES in CLUB DIVISION

The standard of presentation sought for a vehicle in Club Division is that of a vehicle in condition as close as possible to that when it left the factory as a new vehicle. Note that this can be different to when it was delivered new by the dealership. Judging is divided into categories as follows:

Exterior (max 50 points). This includes paintwork, chrome, glass and lenses. We hold the view that a well maintained original finish is just as good as a new re-spray. Old paint that has been buffed through to the primer will not attract a high points score. Stone chips that have been filled are acceptable. Chrome bumpers should have the correct finish on the inside. All lenses should be clean and unscratched.

Interior (max 50 points). This includes the entire interior except glass. Judging is based on cleanliness, completeness and originality. Seats and carpets should be clean underneath. Seat covers must be removed, or a 50% deduction in points will be made for the interior category. Non-genuine radios are permitted so long as they suit the age of the car, however genuine radios of the era of the car will attract the higher score.

Underneath (max 50 points). Under body inspection will be limited, recognising that many of our entrants need to travel great distances to get to our Concours. Judges will look to see that floor pans and suspension were clean when the vehicle left home. Under the guards in the wheel arches should however be as clean as can be achieved at the Canberra accommodation. The odd spot of tar and road grime in the floor pan and tunnel area will not be penalised. Lower suspension arms must be clear of stones. Tyres and wheels should be clean inside and out.

Boot (max 50 points). Boots should be neat and tidy with original or genuine boot mats where these were originally supplied with the vehicle. It is expected that the spare tyre is consistent with other road tyres and should be in a clean and roadworthy condition. Available for inspection with the owner in attendance should be all keys, owner’s logbooks, owner’s manuals, tool kit and anything else supplied with the vehicle when new. The underside of the boot lid should be painted per the original specification e.g. generally black or grey depending upon the model.

Engine Bay (max 50 points). This includes everything seen and checkable with the bonnet open. Engine components should not be polished nor chromed (exception being with the Modified Class). Aluminium surfaces should be bead-blasted, or silver-frosted. Points will be deducted for incorrect hoses, battery clamps, ignition leads, etc. If the vehicle is fitted with a sound-deadening pad, it should be clean and not oily.

General. Overall, our Club’s definition of a perfect vehicle is one that is both well-maintained and extremely clean and in the same condition as when it left the factory. Should a question of originality be a deciding factor in the awarding of a win, the Chief Judge will consult the owner beforehand. A class-winning vehicle will be the one with the highest points score in its class.

Points will not be deducted for non-original seatbelts, first aid kits, nor for the inclusion of a fire extinguisher so long as it is legal. First aid kits should be stored in an appropriate way for the model i.e. in its correct storage compartment if such exists.

E. STANDARD of PRESENTATION for VEHICLES in ROAD DIVISION

Vehicles in Road Division will have only the exterior, visible exhaust and wheels and tyres judged, and this will be at the same standard as for Club Division. Judging will be done from outside the vehicle with the doors, boot lid and bonnet closed. In the event of a tie for a class win, the interior will be judged.

F. ENTRY FEES

This year's event is being held at the Patrick White Lawns in Parkes, ACT.

The entry fees for the Concours event are as follows:

Members \$30.00

Early bird \$15.00

Display \$15.00

The **Early Bird** incentive applies for online registrations received by Monday 8th of September 2025. Entrants may bring as many cars as they like for the one entry fee to the event. Entries close Monday 22nd September 2025. The fee for arrivals on the day without having pre-registered by the closing date will be \$40.00 per vehicle.

G. REGISTRATION

All participants must enter their vehicles by way of registration using the registration form enclosed with the magazine (on the reverse side of the address label) or via the online registration form which can be found on the club's website:

<https://act.mercedes-benz-clubs.com/concours/>

Members without internet access can request a form to be posted to them by contacting the Concours Director using his details which are published in the club magazine.

If you have any questions please contact the Concours Director by email at concoursdirector@mbclubs-act.org.au

