



ASTON MARTIN OWNERS CLUB

CONCOURS D'ETAT

RULES
2019

OBJECTIVE

The Club's foremost objective in organising Concours events is to encourage the owners of Aston Martins to preserve, maintain and present their cars in as clean and near original condition as possible.

CLASSES

The entry will be divided into the following classes:

1. **Pre-War:** Aston Martin models from B&M up to Speed models, Spa models and Atom.
2. **Feltham:** Post-War Aston Martins from 2 litre to Mark III.
3. **Newport Pagnell 6cyl:** DB4 up to DBS models.
4. **Newport Pagnell 8cyl:** DBSV8, V8, V8 Zagato and Virage models.
5. **Newport Pagnell 12cyl:** V12 Vanquish, SDP, Vanquish S and Ultimate Edition models.
6. **Bloxham:** DB7 variants.
7. **Gaydon:** DB9, V8 Vantage, V12 Vantage, DBS, Cygnet, Virage, One-77, Vanquish and DB11 greater than 36 months old.
8. **Modern:** DB9, V8 Vantage, V12 Vantage, Vanquish, DB11, Vanquish Zagato, DBS Superleggera, Rapide, new Vantage, Valkyrie and continuation cars, less than 36 months old.
9. **Alternative Fuel:** Aston Martins not powered by a petroleum engine irrespective of model.
10. **Lagonda:** Post-War Lagondas.
11. **Associate:** Other Classic marques entered by AMOC Members.
12. **Pride of Ownership (Heritage):** Aston Martins in more regular use or modified from character of original model and built anywhere other than the Gaydon facility.
13. **Pride of Ownership (Modern):** Aston Martins in more regular use or modified from character of original model and built at the Gaydon facility.
14. **Competition Cars:** Aston Martin racing and competition cars.
15. **Entry on the Day:** Aston Martins entered on the day.
16. **Invitation:** Cars entered by the invited Club for the specific meeting.
17. **Elite:** Previous winners of the first nine Classes above.

With the exception of entries in the Lagonda Class, which is also open to Members of the Lagonda Club, and the Invitation Class which is open to members of the invited club, the entrant must be a current Member of the Aston Martin Owners Club. The entrant must be the owner and attend the event in person rather than the restorer or agent and be on hand while the car is being judged to assist the judges. There is a need for transparency in the presentation of a car and a restorer's work should be noted. Overall mileage of the car may be taken into account at the discretion of the judges when comparing a recently produced model with a much older one.

AWARDS

A trophy (to be held for one year) will be awarded to the winner of each class. Commemorative plaques (for retention) will also be awarded to the first, second and third in each class. The awards for the first three places in each class will be presented on the day. In the event of a tie for first or second place, no third place will be awarded, in the event of a three-way tie for first place no second or third place will be awarded. In the event of a class having only one entrant, that entrant will be awarded first prize, if in the view of the judges the car is of sufficiently high standard.

The following Club Trophies are awarded for Concours events:

ANNUAL TROPHIES

- John Wyer Trophy - Best kept post-war car of the year.
- Sir Arthur Sutherland Memorial Trophy - Best kept pre-war car of the year.
- Horace Wilmshurst Trophy - Most interesting AMOC Concours newcomer during the year.

EVENT TROPHIES at Spring & Autumn Concours respectively:

- Derrick Edwards Trophy & Ray Eve Trophy - Pre-war Class.
- Loveridge Salver & Barry Weir Challenge Trophy - Feltham Class.
- Gittins Trophy & Portman Trophy - Newport Pagnell 6cyl Class.
- Barclays Insurance Services Trophy & Valspar Trophy - Newport Pagnell 8cyl Class.
- Heyworth Trophy & Holt Trophy - Elite Class.
- Spring Trophy & Wallace Trophy - Associate Class.
- AMOC Lagonda Salver & Goddard & Smith Trophy - Lagonda Class.
- Johnson Cup & James Johnson Trophy - Bloxham Class.
- Chapman-Rankins Trophy & Club Tankard - Pride of Ownership Class.
- Chiltern Aston Centre Salver & Solent Trophy - Modern Class.
- Aston Martin Works and Parts Operation Trophies - Gaydon Class.
- Award Plaques - Entry on the Day Class.

To comply with legal requirements of the General Regulations of the RAC Motor Sports Association, entrants will be required to add their name and car details to a form made available at the point of entry to the competitor's arena on the day of the event.

Cars must not be trailered to the Concours on the day and Entrants will be asked to confirm to the Judges that they have not trailered their entry car to the Concours. If a car is seen being trailered on the day within 10 miles of the Concours venue, 15 points will be deducted.

This excludes competition cars in the Competition Class, Bamford and Martin variants and cars that cannot be registered for road use, which may be trailered for any distance without penalty.

Unless a full-sized metal or adhesive AMOC badge is fitted in such a way that it can be seen clearly when standing in front of the car, the entrant car will not be judged, this excludes entrants to Lagonda and Invitation Classes. Cars displaying a counterfeit metal AMOC badge will be disqualified. (Please note that new metal AMOC badges purchased from anywhere other than the Club shop are at risk of being counterfeit.)

Before judging commences, the owner must be present on the day of the event and cannot be represented by anyone else. Cars must be licensed and have a valid MoT certificate, unless less than 3 years old, or trailered from overseas.

No one other than the owner and one other may clean the car after arriving at the event. Cleaning must desist at the scheduled start of judging. If an entrant is seen cleaning after this time, the car will be disqualified.

Under no circumstances may an entrant use the services of a professional detailer on the day of the Concours. If a car is seen being prepared by a professional detailer on the day 15 points will be deducted. If the owner of a vehicle penalised in such way uses the services of a professional detailer on the day at a subsequent Concours, the vehicle will be disqualified from that Concours.

It should be noted that under no circumstances will such entries be accepted after the scheduled start of judging. Any amendments to timings or arrangements will be announced on the Club Website or in AM News.

No "Entry on the Day" entries will be accepted after the scheduled start of judging.

Cars in all classes other than "Pride of Ownership" (see below) will be inspected and judged in accordance with the Check List as defined in the appendix.

Primary Classes

A maximum of 100 points will be awarded, 25 in each of four sections. Each section's points will be subdivided as follows:

Cleanliness Condition and Originality

- Engine Compartment - 25
- Chassis - 25
- Body Exterior - 25
- Body Interior - 25

Elite Class

Cars winning Pre-War, Feltham Class, Newport Pagnell 6cyl, Newport Pagnell 8cyl, Newport Pagnell 12cyl, Bloxham, Alternative Fuel, Gaydon, Modern or Lagonda classes will be promoted to the Elite Class for future Concours (save that the Club reserves the right not to promote a car if the standard of entry is deemed not to warrant it).

Handicap

- Cars 3 years old and younger entering Elite will be subject to a 5 point handicap.
- Cars between 3 and 10 years old entering Elite will be subject to a 3 point handicap.
- Cars greater than 10 years old entering Elite will not be subject to a handicap.
- The oldest car entering Elite has the opportunity to earn up to 3 bonus points at the judges' discretion.

Previous 'walkover' winners are not acceptable as Elite Class entrants until they have beaten valid class competition. A car MUST win its Primary class to gain the opportunity of entering Elite Class, for a period of two years. Once promoted to the Elite Class, a car remains there for two Spring and two Autumn Concours without winning the Elite Class. Entrants that prefer to remain in their Primary Class may do so for the same period but with less five marks from their score.

Elite Class entrants will be required to produce factory or other documentation to determine original specification, copies must be included with the entry form and be made available to the judges to assist them on the day. It is not mandatory for Primary Class entrants to produce this documentation, but it may assist judges if this information is available.

When a car wins Elite Class, it is restricted from entering Concours again for 2 years, but may then join its Primary Class again.

Pride of Ownership Classes

- Pride of Ownership (Heritage)
- Pride of Ownership (Modern)

By the very nature of their class, Pride of Ownership entries will be judged to generally less-stringent criteria with respect to originality. The engine/chassis condition and cleanliness will be marked as a single entity. At the Judges' discretion, a bonus may be allocated for the combination of a vehicle's provenance, pleasing patina, obvious use and general appearance.

The Chief Judge or Principal Judge of the Pride of Ownership Class reserves the right to transfer a competing car from the Pride of Ownership class to one of the Primary Classes if, in their opinion, it is over-qualified and does not comply with the spirit of the entry.

When completing the entry form for Pride of Ownership, a statement must be added, listing the modifications to explain why the car warrants its entry in this class.

Once a car has won the Pride of Ownership Class, it may not enter again and is prompted to the primary class appropriate for that model.

Cleanliness Condition and Cared for Condition

- Engine & Chassis - 25
- Body Exterior - 25
- Body Interior - 25
- Bonus - 25

Associate Class

Please note that in Associate Class, if judges cannot access, or see, the engine of a particular vehicle, none of the engines in that class will be judged.

Notes:

In all classes, entrants should assist in Cleanliness marking, by removing all luggage, personal effects, etc., from the cars (including boot and glove box) before judging commences. Points will be deducted if personal items remain in the car whilst the judging is taking place.

Marking is simply a means to an end, thus points scored may vary between different Concours and/or individual Classes. Score comparisons between Classes or Events are therefore meaningless.

Originality is considered to be as the car was the moment before registration for the public highway. Any modifications after this date, either by Aston Martin or otherwise, will be considered as non-original.

RESULTS:

Entrants will be able to examine and photograph the marking sheets on the day of the event to discover how they fared. In the event of a dispute in marking, the Chief Judge, assisted by two senior judges, will be available to adjudicate. The judges' decision will be final and neither the Club, Chief Judge, nor the Concours Organiser will enter into correspondence after the event.

APPENDIX:

CHECK LIST

The checklist set out below has been designed not only to help entrants, but also to provide a quick reference for newcomers to Club judging. It concentrates on details which may not be immediately apparent, but which require examination. Extras, such as additional spot or fog lamps, may incur penalties for non-originality if they are not factory options. Where an Aston Martin differs from standard ex-works specification, competitors in any class other than "Pride of Ownership" are advised to produce documentary evidence that their car was "Works modified" when originally delivered. Failure to do so could result in considerable points deduction.

Engine compartment

All exposed surfaces, linkages, cables and fittings, undersides or hidden faces of carburettors, dynamo/alternator, pumps for water, power steering, air conditioning, fan cowling, inlet and exhaust manifolds, all oil filler & vent pipes, hydraulic reservoirs, servos and underside of bonnet.

Chassis

All exposed surfaces of the chassis, floor pan, suspension and running gear, the inside of all chassis rails, outriggers, jacking points and protective shields (such as master cylinders on DB4/5/6 models), top of gearbox, back axle and exhaust system, brake system components.

Body exterior

All exposed paintwork, glass, chrome and other trim, plus alignment of all panels at abutment areas, the line of all panels in silhouette (including headlamp covers), window and door seals, undersides of bumpers, drainage channels to bonnet and boot openings, air vents, fuel filler access(es), spare wheel covers, hood frames and tonneau, sliding roof channels and wheels.

Body interior

All exposed surfaces plus underneath all removable carpets including boot, beneath seats, including front seat runners, spare wheel and spare wheel well, tool & battery compartment(s), ashtray(s), glove box(es) and storage areas, both sides of sun visors, contact areas of folding seats and armrests, underside of steering wheel and pedal area.

Notes:

In the unlikely event of Concours cancellation at short notice due to circumstances beyond the Club's control, competitors will be offered a full refund of any pre-paid entry fees, but no other compensation.

Competing drivers will gain free entry to the grounds of the event provided they have paid their entry fees to AMOC HQ by the deadline date or, if necessary on the day, show their membership cards and display their "Entrant" sticker in the windscreen. All others, i.e. passengers and non-competing Members, will be required to pay the appropriate admission fee unless special free entry arrangements have been negotiated. Those arriving without their cards and non-members will have to pay the full rate.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON THE CLUB WEBSITE OR SENT TO:

AMOC, Drayton St. Leonard, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 7BG

These events will be held under the General Regulations of the RAC Motor Sports Association (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and the Supplementary Regulations. The Motor Sports Association as described in paragraph B.5.1 will have issued "Certificates of Exemption" of the above-mentioned General Regulations.

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