

## **STANDARD RULES FOR FIVA CONCOURS D'ÉLEGANCE EVENTS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

A **Concours d'Élegance** refers to the gathering of prestigious vehicles. Traditionally vehicle judging at a Concours d'Élegance is much more demanding than that of a general vehicle show. Trained judges selected by the organisers, examine the vehicles thoroughly and in their entirety. They rate each and every component. Only those vehicles that are judged perfect (or very nearly so) in every way, are considered eligible for a Class Trophy.

Often the competitiveness of a Concours d'Élegance forces restoration of a vehicle to surpass 'mint' condition. Mint condition would be the state of the vehicle when it originally left the factory. Concours-quality vehicles often are given upholstery, paint, chrome (or nickel) plating, and mechanical restoration greatly exceeding that of the vehicle when new.

In a Concours d'Élegance, the emphasis is as much on originality as the condition. The general aim is to present a vehicle that is in the same condition that it was when it left the production line. Unless original, modifications are not allowed and components must be suitable for the year and model of the vehicle. Even components or features fitted to vehicles of the same type, but in a different production year or trim level, are not allowed. Original-equipment-accessories from the manufacturers own range is allowed and some competitions allow after-market equipment and accessories, provided they are of the correct period.

Often Concours d'Élegance quality vehicles are not driven, except for short distances from their trailers, to the show fields or for a parade if needed by the organisers. They are not intended to be used as daily drives and often are not seen outside of museums or private collections.

### **1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

#### **1.1 Application**

These Standard Rules must be respected in all Concours d'Élegance Events which will be organised under the authority and control of FIVA and will be the basis for the rules of an ANF and/or an Organiser.

Any case not provided for in these Standard Rules will be studied by the EC of FIVA that has the authority to decide.

The EC or FIVA may modify these Standard Rules by publication of a special bulletin which will be published on the FIVA Website (see Annex 7) or go to [www.fiva.org](http://www.fiva.org). These Standard Rules are applicable as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

#### **1.2 Official Language**

For International Events, the official languages are English and French and, if required, the language of the host country. Only the English or French text will be binding.

For National Events, the language of the host country will be the official language.

### **1.3 FIVA Identity Card**

For International Events participating vehicles are expected to have been issued with a valid FIVA Identity Card and it is expected to be presented at Scrutineering.

However, Organisers can, in their Regulations, make the presentation of a current FIVA ID Card a mandatory requirement.

For National Events Organisers should encourage entrants/crews to present FIVA Identity Cards for their vehicles.

## **2. DEFINITIONS**

### **2.1 Regulations of the event**

Official written document issued by the Organiser laying down the details of the Event.

Any case not foreseen in the Regulations of the Event during the running of the Event will be judged by the Steward(s) and a decision made.

### **2.2 Crew**

A crew is normally made up of at least one person.

### **2.3 Day**

Each part of the Event, separated by an overnight halt.

### **2.4 Bulletin**

An official written communication issued to modify or complete the Regulations of the Event. Bulletins must have been approved by the organising committee before the start of the Event or by the Clerk of the Course during the Event.

## **3. OFFICIALS**

### **3.1 FIVA Observer**

The EC may nominate an observer for some Events. The observer will monitor all aspects of the Event. Post event the Observer will complete and submit the FIVA Observers' report form to the EC.

#### **a. FIVA Steward**

The EC of FIVA will appoint one or more Steward(s) for International Events. The FIVA Steward(s) will monitor and review all aspects of the Event and compliance with the FIVA Events Codes. Post event the Steward(s) will complete and submit the FIVA Stewards' report form to the EC and the Organiser.

#### **b. Clerk of the course**

The Clerk of the Course is charged with the application of the Regulations of the Event and their provisions during the Event.

### **3.2 Public Relations Official (PRO)**

The organiser may appoint a public relations official (PRO). The PRO must be easily identified by the participants. His name, phone number and photograph should be in the Regulations.

## **4. DESCRIPTIONS OF THE EVENT**

The Organiser must give all details of the running of the Event in the Regulations of the Event. For example: location of the start and finish, time schedule of the whole Event, number of days etc.

## **5. ENTRIES**

### **5.1 Dates**

The opening and closing dates for entries must be mentioned in the Regulations of the Event.

A complete entry list including the number of FIVA ID Cards, if mandatory, for vehicles participating must be sent to the FIVA Steward after the closing date.

### **5.2 Entry fees**

The entry fees must be specified in the Regulations of the Event.

The Organiser may specify in the Regulations of the Event conditions to partially refund entry fees.

### **5.3 Number of entries**

The maximum / minimum number of entries will be specified in the Regulations of the event.

### **5.4 Refusal of an entry**

In case of an entry being refused by the Organisers they must notify the applicant of such refusal.

The Organisers have the right to refuse an entry without giving a reason.

## **6. ELIGIBLE VEHICLES**

### **6.1 Vehicle period classification**

In all Events on the FIVA calendar, only vehicles which are in accordance with the FIVA Technical Code can take part. (See Annex 7)

Other forms of classification may be used and sub-divisions are allowed. The acceptance of an entry for a certain class is at the discretion of the Organiser.

## **7. INSURANCE – INDEMNITY DECLARATION**

### **7.1 Insurance of the Organiser**

The Regulations of the Event must give details of the insurance company and policy number.

### **7.2 Insurance of the crew**

It is the responsibility of the Participants to ensure they have appropriate insurance covering them and their vehicles as necessary.

### **7.3 Indemnity declaration**

By signing the entry form, or by signing the indemnity declaration at the administrative checks, the crew declares that they accept following:

*I have been given the opportunity to read the regulations of the Event and agree to be bound by them. I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the Event and I am competent to do so. I acknowledge that I understand the nature and the type of the Event and the potential risk and agree to accept that risk. I declare that to the best of my belief the driver(s) possess(es) the standard of competence necessary for an Event of the type to which this entry relates and that the vehicle hereby entered is suitable and roadworthy for the Event and that it is in conformity with the traffic laws and regulations for the use on public roads. I declare that the use of the vehicle entered will be covered by insurance as required by the law of the crossed country (countries). I declare that I am in the possession of a valid driving license.*

## **8. STANDARD DOCUMENTS - PROCEDURES**

### **8.1 Publication of Regulations**

The definitive Regulations of the Event must be published at least one month before the start of the Event. Digital Copies should also be made available to the FIVA Steward via email or by download from the organisers website.

## **9. PRIZES – PRIZE CEREMONY**

The Regulations of the Event shall contain information about the time, location and dress code of the prize ceremony.

The FIVA President, or his/her delegate, shall be invited by the Organising Club, to attend the Event upon receiving, and accepting, a written request from FIVA to present the FIVA Award(s). Transportation and accommodation costs of the FIVA President / delegate, will be covered by the Organiser.

Each trophy should bear the name of FIVA.

For the latest information always visit our website at <https://fiva.org/en/commissions/events-commission/>

