

Concours d'Elegance: Rules & Conditions of entry

1. Entry is open to financial members of the Mercedes-Benz Club (Vic.) Inc., or other Mercedes-Benz Clubs.
2. The Chief Judge will be selected and approved by the Concours Director
3. The Judging team will be selected and approved by the Chief Judge
4. For a vehicle to be eligible for judging the entrant must be the registered owner. A vehicle can be entered in only one (1) class on the day. There shall not be more than two (2) entries (cars) per membership.
5. The cost to enter the Concours d'Elegance is \$70. All Concours class entries will be completed through an online system only. All entries must be in by midnight, 10 days prior to the event. Late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances.
6. All vehicles entered must have a minimum of 16,000km on the odometer or be a minimum of 10 years old and must have its registration number plate installed.
7. Vehicles, which in the opinion of the Chief Judge, have been modified from Mercedes-Benz passenger vehicle specifications will be transferred to "Modified" Concours class (U).
8. After having won its class, a vehicle may only be entered in its class competition again if it satisfies any of the following: a) travelled at least 10,000km, b) not entered for the next two MBCV Concours events, or c) unsuccessfully competed once in the *Champion of Champions*.
9. Class U/**Modified** provides for members who have a Mercedes that has been modified beyond what was available from the MB showroom. Bigger engines, non-MB engines, lowered suspension, body panel variations are some of the examples of a modified class vehicle. Non-AMG modified vehicles provide another example of this group. The vehicle must be a Mercedes Benz with a recognisable VIN/chassis number. Coach built vehicles in Class A (pre-war and post-war chassis) are exempted from this classification as many vehicles of that era were coach-built.
10. *Champion of Champions* is chosen from vehicles that have: a) won their class, or b) is the previous event's *Champion of Champions* winner, may be entered in *Champion of Champions*. After winning *Champion of Champions*, the conditions of rule 6 apply except for competing again in *Champion of Champions*.
11. Open top vehicles must be presented for judging with a top in place.
12. Fitted seat covers will automatically incur a points penalty.
13. All five wheels will be judged where factory fitted.
14. Underbody inspection will be limited to underneath the mudguards and exposed exhaust.
15. Entrants must be available to start their vehicles for the judges when required; failure to do so may mean the vehicle is not judged. No communication with the judges during the judging process will be permitted.
16. All competing vehicles must be driven onto the ground under their own motive power.
17. **Best Exterior, Best interior, Best engine bay** will be presented to the vehicle with the highest points in each of those categories, judged out of all entries, entered on the day. In the event of a draw for these awards, the final decision will be made by the chief judge.
18. **Amateur Restoration Eligibility.** There must be present at judging, both photographic proof of the necessity of any restoration and photographic proof of the restoration itself. This restoration must be ground up and include motor, transmission, suspension, glass, interior & exterior trim and paintwork. The owner must fit the majority of the following items: doors, bonnet, boot, mudguards (if applicable), interior and exterior trim, engine, transmission and suspension. An independent and impartial panel will consider owner input, complexity of vehicle and extent of restoration. This panel will score these items, and their score will be used to adjust the judges' score to determine a winner. If the owner input is considered inadequate the entry will be automatically transferred to the professional restoration class. A vehicle can only win this award once.
19. **Professional Restoration Eligibility.** There must be present at judging, photographic proof of the necessity of the restoration. The restoration must be ground up, i.e. motor, transmission, suspension, glass, wiring harness, interior & exterior trim and paintwork. A vehicle may win the Professional Restoration section once only.

20. **Outright Winner Eligibility.** The Outright winner is the vehicle that has gained the highest score of points from within the classes A to R and *Champion of Champions* section inclusive. A vehicle may only win this Outright Winner award once.
21. **Elegance Award.** Chosen by an honoured guest as the most elegant Mercedes-Benz vehicle displayed on the day. The honoured guest will be chosen by the Mercedes Benz club of Victoria President.
22. **Most Desirable Car Award.** Chosen by the President and Chief Judge as the most desirable car displayed on the day.
23. **Distance Award.** Awarded to a Mercedes-Benz Club member who has driven his/her vehicle the longest distance to compete at the Concours.
24. **Mileage deduction points.** The odometer reading is used to determine the deduction category. Miles are converted to kilometres. Owners shall provide documentary evidence (e.g. service books) when claiming points for high mileage cars with 5-digit odometers otherwise the indicated reading is used. The mileage deduction doesn't apply to vehicles aged 20 years or older.
25. No entrant or their associates shall interfere with the judging process. The organisers will void an entry should the judges deem this rule to be infringed. Entrants are to answer only direct questions from judges; no other discussion may be had.
26. At the discretion of the Chief Judge and Concours Director, an award will not be given if the vehicle does not score equal to or above 50% of the total available. However, a participation award may be given.
27. The Chief Judge's decision will be final. General feedback may be offered after the presentation of awards.
28. The Concours organisers reserve the right to merge classes that contain less than four entrants. This is at the discretion of the organisers, while in consideration of the objective for cars from similar eras should be judged together.
29. All entrants' vehicles must be in position by 10:00 am or their entry fee is forfeited.
30. Vehicles leaving the Concours prior to completion of judging will be deemed as withdrawing from the event and the entry fee will not be refunded.
31. No advertising literature shall be distributed or displayed at the Concours d'Elegance without the express permission of the Concours Director.
32. Major Award trophies will be held by the club, and winner's names will be added yearly. The winners of a Major Award will be presented a trophy.
33. A maximum points score across all judging categories is 100 points. Each Category is worth 5 points.
34. **Preservation Class.** The preservation award is awarded to the best unrestored car entered for concours judging. You must indicate on your concours entry that you are entering for this award. A "preserved" car should meet the following criteria:
 - a. Is in the most part original and unrestored in terms of main components and finishes inside and outside of the car.
 - b. Must be at least 25 years old.

Awards

Subject to obtaining a satisfactory points score, awards will be given for first and second placing in each class A to R.

Awards will be presented on judged merit; an entry will not necessarily mean that a prize will be awarded.