

# 2024 Rule Change Proposals for 2025 Implementation

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## Concours

### Concours Proposal #1 – Consolidate Classes

#### **Rationale:**

Because this is a long proposal, the rationale will be listed first. There are too many classes for current participation numbers to support. Frequently, there is only one car per class, and that results in everybody getting a trophy, which, in effect, makes them worthless as there is no competition. They are participation awards not awards for winning. Also, it drives up the expense of hosting a Concours, which is hard enough as it is, considering the attendance numbers. Finally, the number of divisions increases the number of judges necessary, which adds additional obstacles to running the event. Reducing the number of divisions will assist there.

#### **Current Rule**

39 existing Classes, 41 when fully implemented, 8 Divisions:

##### FULL CONCOURS-VINTAGE DIVISION

- CV-1 356
- CV-2 911, 912, 912E (1965-1989)
- CV-3 911 Carrera (964, 993)
- CV-4 911 Carrera, GT2, GT3 (996, 997)
- CV-5 914-4, 914-6
- CV-6 924, 928, 944, 968

##### UNRESTORED-VINTAGE DIVISION

- UV-1 356
- UV-2 911, 912, 912E (1965-1989)
- UV-3 911 Carrera (964, 993)
- UV-4 911 Carrera, GT2, GT3 (996 1999 – 2004)  
*Future: 996 2005*  
*997-coming 2025*
- UV-5 914,914-6
- UV-6 924, 928, 944, 968

##### STREET-VINTAGE DIVISION

- SV-1 356
- SV-2 911, 912, 912E (1965-1989)
- SV-3 911 Carrera (964, 993)
- SV-4 911 Carrera, GT2, GT3 (996, 997)
- SV-5 914-4, 914-6
- SV-6 924, 928, 944, 968

##### FULL CONCOURS-MODERN DIVISION

- CM-1 986/987 Boxster & Cayman
- CM-2 981/718 Boxster & Cayman
- CM-3 911 Carrera (991,992)
- CM-4 Cayenne, Macan, Panamera, Taycan

UNRESTORED-MODERN DIVISION

- UM-1 986 Boxster (1997-2004)  
*987 Boxster & Cayman-coming 2025/2026*
- UM-2 *Future: 981/718 Boxster & Cayman-coming 2033/2037*
- UM-3 *Future: 911 Carrera (991, 992)-coming 2032/2040*
- UM-4 Cayenne 2003-2004  
*Future: Cayenne 2005+*  
*Panamera-coming 2030*  
*Macan-coming 2035*  
*Taycan-coming 2040*

STREET-MODERN DIVISION

- SM-1 986/987 Boxster & Cayman
- SM-2 981/718 Boxster & Cayman
- SM-3 911 Carrera (991,992)
- SM-4 Cayenne, Macan, Panamera, Taycan

DETAIL & SHINE DIVISION

- D&S-1 356
- D&S-2 911, 912, 912E (1965-1989)
- D&S-3 911 Carrera, (964, 993)
- D&S-4 911 Carrera, GT2, GT3 (996, 997, 991, 992)
- D&S-5 914-4, 914-6
- D&S-6 924, 928, 944, 968
- D&S-7 Boxster, Cayman
- D&S-8 Cayenne, Panamera, Macan, Taycan

SPECIAL CATEGORIES DIVISION

- SC-1 Special Interest
- SC-2 Current Competition
- SC-3 Limited Production: Factory Exotics and Factory Race Cars

Judging areas:

	Exterior	Interior	Storage Compartment	Engine	Chassis Half w/o Engine	Chassis Half with Engine
Special Categories	X	X				
Detail & Shine	X	X				
Street- Vintage	X	X	X	X		
Unrestored- Vintage	X	X	X	X		
Full-Vintage	X	X	X	X	X	X
Street- Modern	X	X	X			
Unrestored- Modern	X	X	X			
Full- Modern	X	X	X		X	X

## Awards:

Each Concours will include awards for "Best of Division" for the overall winners in each division.

## Proposed

### 29 proposed Classes, 7 Divisions

#### FULL CONCOURS-VINTAGE DIVISION

- CV-1 356
- CV-2 911, 912 (1965-1998)
- CV-3 914-4, 914-6
- CV-4 924, 928, 944, 968

#### STREET-VINTAGE DIVISION

- SV-1 356
- SV-2 911, 912 (1965-1998)
- SV-3 914-4, 914-6
- SV-4 924, 928, 944, 968

#### FULL CONCOURS-MODERN DIVISION

- CM-1 Boxster & Cayman (718, 981, 986, 987)
- CM-2 911 Carrera, GT2, GT3 (991,992, 996, 997)
- CM-3 Cayenne, Macan, Panamera, Taycan

#### STREET-MODERN DIVISION

- SM-1 Boxster & Cayman (718, 981, 986, 987)
- SM-2 911 Carrera, GT2, GT3 (991,992, 996, 997)
- SM-3 Cayenne, Macan, Panamera, Taycan

#### DETAIL & SHINE DIVISION

- D&S-1 356
- D&S-2 911, 912 (1965-1998)
- D&S-3 911 Carrera, GT2, GT3 (996, 997, 991, 992)
- D&S-4 914-4, 914-6
- D&S-5 924, 928, 944, 968
- D&S-6 Boxster, Cayman (718, 981, 986, 987)
- D&S-7 Cayenne, Macan, Panamera, Taycan

#### UNRESTORED DIVISION

- UR-1 356
- UR-2 911, 912 (1965-1998)
- UR-3 911 Carrera, GT2, GT3 (996, 997 2005)  
*Future: 997-2006+*  
*991, 992-coming 2032/2040*
- UR-4 914-4, 914-6
- UR-5 924, 928, 944, 968
- UR-6 Boxster (986, 987 2005)  
*Future: 987 Boxster 2006+*  
*987 Cayman-coming 2026*  
*981/718 Boxster & Cayman-coming 2033/2037*
- UR-7 Cayenne 2003-2005  
*Future: Cayenne 2006+*

*Panamera-coming 2030*  
*Macan-coming 2035*  
*Taycan-coming 2040*

SPECIAL CATEGORIES DIVISION

SC-1 Special Interest, Current Competition, and Limited Production: Factory Exotics and Factory Race Cars

Judging areas:

	Exterior	Interior	Storage Compartment	Engine	Chassis Half w/o Engine	Chassis Half with Engine
Special Categories	X					
Detail & Shine	X	X				
Unrestored	X	X				
Street- Vintage	X	X	X	X		
Full-Vintage	X	X	X	X	X	X
Street- Modern	X	X	X			
Full- Modern	X	X	X		X	X

Awards:

Each Concours will include awards for “Best of Division” for the overall winners in each division. While multiple trophies are encouraged, especially at large events, regions may award a combined Best of Class/Best of Division award to Division winners.

**Proposal:**

Combine the air-cooled 911 classes; that is, merging CV2 & CV3, SV2 & SV3, and DS2 & DS3.

Combine the water-cooled 911 classes, merging CV4 with CM3, and SV4 with SM3.

Combine all the Boxster and Cayman classes: merging CM1 & CM2, and SM1 & CM2

Combine the two Unrestored Divisions.

Combine the Special Category classes into one class.

Obviously, this consolidation, as presented, will necessarily reduce the judging areas on some cars, particularly on the 996 and 997 moving from the Vintage to Modern divisions. For similar reasons, the cars in Unrestored will also have the number of judging areas reduced. The judging areas in the Special Categories Division will be reduced to one, just the exterior, as not all cars in this division will have an interior. This has the added benefit of potentially reducing the number of judges necessary to run an event. Finally, the trophy rules will be amended so that regions whose events are small do not need to award both a best-in-class and a best-in-division award as separate trophies.

## Concours Proposal #2 – Judging School Requirements

### **Current Rule:**

Any judge with a Zone 8 or higher classification who wishes to be promoted or to maintain their classification must do either:

A) Judge at least one event each year and show a car in a judged class at least once every two years

Or

B) Judge at least six events every two years

Additionally, a Master Judge must attend at least one Zone 8 Judges School every two years or he/she will be reclassified as a Senior Judge.

Any judge who fails to do the above will have his or her classification reduced by one level each year these requirements have not been met. A demoted judge will have their old rank restored at the beginning of the next season, if they start judging and showing again in accordance with the rules for the remainder of the current season.

All judges must attend a Concours Judging School at least once every three years or their judging privileges will be suspended.

### **Proposed Rule:**

Any judge with a Zone 8 or higher classification who wishes to be promoted or to maintain their classification must:

A) Attend at least one Zone 8 Judges School every two years.

and

B)

1) Judge at least one event each year and show a car in a judged class at least once every two years

or

2) Judge at least four events every two years

Any judge who fails to do the above will have his or her classification reduced by one level each year these requirements have not been met. A demoted judge will have their old rank restored at the beginning of the next season, if they start judging and showing again in accordance with the rules for the remainder of the current season.

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All judges must attend a Concours Judging School at least once every three years or their judging status will be changed to “inactive.”

**Rationale:**

All judges, not just master judges, should have to attend a judging school every two years or be reclassified.



## Concours Proposal #3 – Judge Advancement

### **Current Rule:**

Judges advance one level per year regardless of points earned, levels cannot be skipped.

### **Proposed Rule:**

Drop this rule.

### **Rationale:**

This goes against historical precedent. Also, experience is experience - whether gained in many shows in one year, or over time; and more concentrated experience in a shorter time is a better learning experience.

## Concours Proposal #4 – Event and Team Head Judge Qualifications

### **Current Rule:**

To participate in the role of team head judge on a judging team at a Zone 8 Concours a judge must have a “Zone 8 Judge” or higher classification.

To be the Event Head Judge at a Zone 8 Concours a judge should be a Master or a Senior Judge

### **Proposed Rule:**

To participate in the role of team head judge on a judging team at a Zone 8 Concours a judge should preferably have a “Zone 8 Judge” or higher classification.

To be the Event Head Judge at a Zone 8 Concours a judge should preferably be a Master or a Senior Judge

### **Rationale:**

Judges at either or both of those head judge levels positions’ “required” levels may not be available for any or all of them, but the Event organizers need flexibility to fill out their judging staff based upon what is actually available to them. Some events have a limited number of judges available for their particular date for a variety of reasons; and may be particularly difficult for the smaller and the more distant Regions

## Concours Proposal #5 – Tutoring points

### **Current Rule:**

Judging points are awarded according to the following schedule:

Working as Event Head Judge	100 judging points
Attending a Zone 8 Judging school	100 judging points
Judging at a Zone 8 Concours	100 judging points
Teaching at a Zone 8 Judging School	100 judging points
Tutoring about judging at an Event	50 judging points

### **Problem:**

Tutoring is not defined.

### **Proposed:**

First of all, change 'tutoring' to 'mentoring.'

Mentoring, Definition:

When there are sufficient volunteers, an Event Head Judge can assign some experienced judges as mentors. (This way, judges can earn points for their experience requirements even if they don't get a judging assignment. Of course, if any assigned judges could not attend, those only assigned mentoring duties would be able to fill in.)

Suggested mentoring might include:

- 1) If the new judge is assigned to a judging team, the mentor could review the areas of responsibility, lead them through what items they need to inspect, remind them when it is time to move on, and assist with the paperwork. Note: The mentor would not assist in the actual judging.
- 2) If the mentor is assigned to a judging team, the mentees could observe the process. The mentees should be cautioned not to make suggestions but to just watch. Care would need to be taken to ensure the mentees do not interfere, that time limits are respected, and that each car is treated equally and fairly as they usually are. Questions would have to be saved for after the judging period is over. After the judging, the mentees could listen in as the judges explained to the entrant what they were looking at and why this or that deserved a deduction. The mentors could also explain the paperwork they are required to fill out.

- 3) When there is sufficient time, prospective or inexperienced judges may enlist a mentor for practical advice on judging at a Concours. Using a sample car, such as the mentor's or the mentee's, the car's condition can be reviewed for its preparation and care, and potential deductions could be discussed. This shall not be performed as a part of actively judging a competition entry in the event.

Mentoring at an event requires a Zone judge or higher as the mentor. At no time should anybody other than the judge assigned to a team and judging area be making judging decisions, pointing out defects or lack of preparation, assigning deductions, or performing any other judging duties.

## Driving Events

### Driving Event Proposal #1 –Factory Seat Punchout

#### **Current Rule:**

From the Z8 Rules on safety equipment:

"Modification of stock seats is not allowed"

#### **Proposed Rule:**

Allow the passenger side “punch out” to be removed so that a sub strap can be installed on the passenger side.

#### **Rationale:**

In a GT3, only the driver’s side has the hole for a sub strap. On the passenger side, there is a punch out, but it has not been removed.

#### **Editor’s Note:**

The national PCA DE Minimum standards say that for Porsche GT seats with the punch out, it is legal to use this to add a sub strap to the passenger seat. The Z8 rules will be updated administratively for 2025 to include this.