

Morris Minor
Owner's Club

JUDGING SCHEME
RULES & REGULATIONS

**Relating to the Concours section of the
M.M.O.C**

This supersedes all previous schedules.

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This should be retained for future reference.
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JUDGING STANDARDS, CATEGORIES AND INFORMATION
TO COMPLY WITH MMOC GUIDE LINES,

As much preparation and hard work is involved in preparing and showing a vehicle, it is important to achieve a high standard of judging, the MMOC are totally committed to making judging within concours, as fair and professional as possible, setting standards above any other car club. It is the chief judges intention to implement the rules in an unbiased form, making no exceptions whatsoever, resulting in a very professional system. The following is an insight into how we achieve this.

Assuming there are four judges on site, each judge would independently mark one of the four sections, Interior, Bodywork, Engine bay, Underside. Each section would carry a total of 250 possible marks, making a maximum of 1000, judging sheets which are signed by the entrant could be one of several variations the judges may be issued with, the marks in each section varying. i.e. the standards of paint work may be judged out of 50 marks at one meeting and out of 60 marks at another. Obviously another category in the same section would be altered accordingly to keep the total to 250 in that section. This would serve several purposes, firstly it would maintain fair judging standards, also it prevents the judge becoming too familiar with the marking system and so preserve the judges level of concentration. Finally, it may allow vehicles to come to the fore, having a weakness in one particular area, this will mean marks will vary at each particular meeting within the class or level the vehicle has entered.

The entrant must understand that his/her marks will vary from meeting to meeting. They will note that it is not detrimental to their vehicle, but reflects the criteria on that particular day taking into account the following.--weather conditions, judges judging different sections, varying / different judging sheets or new judges, this obviously affects all entrants so would save any upset-when marks are reduced, which is immaterial as the important thing is the overall placing and not the marks achieved

The highest status a vehicle achieves is the one it retains throughout the season, regardless of marks. The vehicle can only rise in status not decline, with the one exception, that if a vehicle should deteriorate over a period of time, the chief judge will discuss with the entrant, measures needed to be taken, to stop the vehicle being reduced in status. If these improvements are not carried out, after further discussion with the chief judge, the entrant will be informed in writing the reasons for and the status the vehicle is now recognised as holding. It is felt this would be rarely applicable.

A photostat copy of the judging sheet will be issued and from this the entrant will be able to highlight the areas of the vehicle, that may be considered for improvement. A copy of the results showing everyone's placing and marks will be sent for publication Minor Matters.

Each section of the marking sheet may be judged by the same or different judge on every occasion

It should be noted at the start of a new season your marks and/or results may differ from the previous year.

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Category Status.

<u>STATUS</u>	<u>MARKS</u>	
Condition Class	- 499	Self Judging
Merit Concours	500 - 649	
Gold Concours	650 - 799	
Masters	800 - 919	
Grand Masters	920 - 1000	

Any vehicle not attaining 500 marks will be considered " Condition class " in self judging categories.

In the event of a tie.

To decide the winner, the vehicle marks will remain the same but the following check procedure will be carried out :

Outdoor Show.

Oil level and tick over of engine. Tyre pressures. Originality of vehicle Or any terms at the judges discretion.

Indoor Show.

Oil level and cleanliness Tyre pressures. Originality of vehicle Or any terms at the judges discretion.

Concours Entrance

Vehicles may enter directly into concours without entering condition class. The closing date for concours entrants into a rally is two weeks prior to the event. However the appropriate annual ' Concours Levy ' must be paid, in addition to the normal rally entry fee, prior to entry. Details of this levy can be obtained from the Chief Judge. Any vehicle entering Merit Concours will be promoted to Gold Concours or Masters providing the vehicle achieves the appropriate marks. Any vehicle may be withdrawn from the rally prior to the results being announced. No parts of a vehicle may be exchanged, removed, refitted or loaned after the commencement of judging

Grand Masters

Any vehicle, other than chop-tops, wishing to enter Grand Masters may be considered. You must apply in writing to the Chief Judge before the beginning of the rally season. Vehicles are only accepted if it is felt there is a reasonable chance of success. It is normal for the vehicle to be known to

the judging team having entered the previous year in Masters. To obtain Grand Masters the vehicle must be judged at a minimum of four rallies including the National rally and the Indoor Show in one season and gain an average mark of 920 or over. The total marks gained will not be known until the end of the season.

Vehicle of the Season

All vehicles are considered from all categories, although normally this would exclude Grand Masters. This will be awarded by the Chief Judge, taking into account the amount of regional rallies entered to promote the vehicle and total marks received, improvements to a particular vehicle over that year, or its previous year, and achievements outside the MMOC. This award is not necessarily for the vehicle which is in best condition.

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Status of Vehicle. Once a vehicle has obtained Gold Concours or Masters status, the vehicle will maintain this status until the end of the season regardless of the marks. e.g. Assuming a vehicle has obtained Masters but at the following rally receives marks below Masters, the car will maintain Masters status and will not be eligible for Gold Concours award. At the start of the following season the vehicle may only enter the status level equivalent to the marks achieved at the last rally entered the previous year.

Indoor Show and/or Final.

This show is by invitation only, although preference is given to vehicles holding an award certificate (issued by the Chief Judge). Vehicles holding this award are not automatically invited, concours vehicles must have entered at least two regional rallies and the National Rally to qualify for judging at the indoor and/or final. You are expected to reply to the invitation as space may be limited. Normally the vehicles selected are considered to be the **TOP CARS** in the club, being selected to attend is an achievement in itself. Accommodation and banquet may be arranged over the weekend, on booking at certain venues with the organiser of the event. At indoor shows the following guidelines should be implemented:

1. Fuel should be kept to an absolute minimum, with the gauge registering on empty (tanks may be dipped at the fire officers request). 2. Petrol caps should be taped up. 3. The vehicles battery should be disconnected.

Failure to comply to the above will result in judging marks being deducted.

Grand Masters/Masters.

Vehicles in this status may in certain areas be considered better than when first manufactured.

Research.

Vehicles are judged on the basis of research from the Gaydon Motor Museum, and continued ongoing general research. This is to include factory fitted options, period accessories and stainless steel exhaust's.

Second opinion judging.

Vehicle second opinion judging, is for evaluation of vehicles obtaining marks close to a higher or lower status, or when a second opinion would possibly be of benefit to maintain fair judging to a maximum variation of 3% of the mark achieved.

Converted Saloons/Chopped-Tops. (This is at members request) Entrants would be allowed to enter Merit Concours, Gold Concours & Masters Class, but "Chopped -Tops" would not be

allowed to enter for Grand Masters Status. A penalty mark of 50 would be deducted at the end of judging, also the marks may be reduced in No 1 of section 2 of the judging sheet with regards to the standard of the conversion. The conversion must be as per factory standard and specification for a convertible, although the screw on the chassis plate would clearly define the origin as a MA2/S (1000 Saloon). Evaluation of vehicles will take place prior to judging, when the entrant should make it clear to the judging team that the vehicle is a "Chopped Top". if any doubt should arise with regards to this it should be taken up with the judging team, although the final decision would be left to the entrant as to which category the vehicle will enter. Should any vehicle be entered as an original convertible and found to be a "chopped top" the vehicle and the persons concerned would be banned from Concours within the MMOC for one year from the rally date.

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Vehicle Requirements

Vehicles must have current Tax, M.O.T and Insurance certificates, (which must be produced if required), and be up to M.O.T standards. The MMOC carries Public Liability insurance. This does not cover loss of, or damage to, your vehicle. Insurance cover for your vehicle is your responsibility.

National Rally.

Initially, evaluation of vehicles including the defining of saloon/chopped-tops, not having entered Concours before, will be done prior to judging, thus giving the entrant time to contact Rally control where it may be possible to enter the vehicle in condition class should it not come up to the required Concours standard.

Complaints Procedure.

The Chief Judge, or his deputy, will be at all regional rallies, the National rally and the End of Season Indoor Show from 10 am. until after the results have been announced.

Any individuals complaint must be lodged within 7 days after the results are received by post, this must be put in writing to the Chief Judge. The complainant will receive a letter acknowledging the receipt of this complaint and assurance of a speedy resolution. Any complaints not lodged within that period would not be considered.

Should the entrant and Chief Judge not be able to reach agreement on a particular matter, an appeals procedure can be sought by request to the Chairman of the Club who will appoint an independent person to examine the complaint. The person will then report back to the Chairman his/her findings and a decision will be made. Any decision reached will be final and binding on both the entrant and the Chief Judge.

Although judges wear red overalls the Chief Judge will wear blue overalls from 10 am. until after the results are announced, for easy recognition. (Depending on weather conditions) The above is for concours entrants only, any complaints regarding condition class should be addressed to:- the rally organiser or club secretary.

Results

The results on the day of the venue are provisional results, pending any complaints from concours entrants, with regards to additional errors etc. This is due to the limited time available for checking result sheets on the day of the event, although assurances are given,

vehicles marks which are close to each other are double checked. The official results will be printed in Minor Matters.

Transportation of Vehicle by trailer.

The transportation of a vehicle to and/or from any event, including the Indoor show, at which it is to be judged is prohibited. If, after the results are announced, it is discovered that a vehicle was transported by trailer on any part of its journey to or from the event, both the persons involved and the vehicle will be banned from competition for one year. The ban on the vehicle will continue even if the vehicle changes ownership during that year. A vehicle may be withdrawn from competition by its owner prior to the results being announced at an event and in such a case the ban would not be imposed. Ordinarily, it will be expected that vehicles will be driven, under their own power, to events from the entrants normal address and driven back to that address after the event.

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Judging Times

Initial evaluation of Vehicles will commence 30 mins prior to the start of judging, for vehicles not known to the judging team. Regional Rally judging will commence at 12 o'clock. National Rally and Indoor Show will commence at 11 o'clock. This is to accommodate larger entrant numbers. Entrants should be with their vehicles at the time of judging. Vehicles locked and/or unattended may not be considered for judging. Vehicles with hoods must have them erected. If circumstances are such that you cannot be with your vehicle when judging takes place, please notify the Chief Judge prior to the commencement of judging. Each vehicle will receive 32 minutes judging time, (8 minutes per judge, per section) This will be timed by an independent time keeper. At the National Rally and larger Regional Rallies there will normally be 4 judges, this may be reduced to 2 at the smaller Regional Rallies.

Latest Arrival times

All vehicles entered into concours must be in the arena at least 1 hour before judging commences. This is to allow for the necessary paperwork to be in place before judging commences. National and indoor shows, latest arrival time 10.00.a.m (judging commences 11 00a.m), Regional Rallies ,latest arrival time 11 00a.m.(Judging commences 12.00 noon). Once judging has commenced no other Concours entrants will be allowed in the arena. No Concours entrants will be accepted for Judging on the day.

Vehicle Cleaning

The cleaning of Concours vehicles will stop, when judging commences at regional Rallies and the National Rally, and in the case of the Indoor Show when it opens to the public.

Preparation and area of vehicle

All entrants are required to keep the area around their vehicle tidy so as to present the vehicle in the best possible way and to project the right image for the Concours as a whole.

Judging of best paint/interior or Traveller wood etc

The above may or may not be judged by an independent judge, and may be separate from the normal judging.

Preparation and area of vehicle All entrants are required to keep the area around the vehicle tidy so as to present the vehicle in the best way and to project the right image for the Concours as a whole.

Lifting of vehicles

No vehicles should be raised from the ground in the Concours display area or any other designated MMOC area, including rally camp-sites. If this is not observed, the entrant will be disqualified from the event. The practice of raising vehicles will be discouraged in general.