

Car Judging Certification Program

1. Purpose: The purpose of this section is to give definition to the MAFCA Model A Ford Judging Certification Program.
2. Classification: All judges must be current MAFCA members. Requirements for obtaining the following levels in the judging certification program shall be as follows:
 - A. Apprentice Judge: A member who has expressed an interest in judging and has passed the MAFCA judging examination in at least one of the 23 judging categories may participate in regional or divisional or MAFCA national meet judging in order to obtain the judging experience necessary to qualify as a MAFCA Judge. An Apprentice Judge shall be supervised by a Judge, Senior Judge or Master Judge, shall not make judging score determinations and shall not enter judging points on the score sheet.
 - B. Judge: A member who has passed the MAFCA judging examination in at least 5 of the 23 judging categories and has judged one or more of those categories in at least two (2) national meets (MAFCA or MARC). MAFCA will allow one (1) of these national meet requirements to be fulfilled by judging at two (2) regional or divisional meets approved by MAFCA*. A Judge may make judging score determinations and enter judging points on the score sheet, under the supervision of a Senior Judge or Master Judge.
 - C. Senior Judge: A member who has met the Judge requirements and, in addition, has passed the examinations in at least ten (10) of the 23 judging categories and has judged in at least three (3) national meets (MAFCA or MARC). MAFCA will allow one (1) of these national meet requirements to be fulfilled by judging at two (2) regional or divisional meets approved by MAFCA*. A Senior Judge may make judging score determinations and enter judging points on the score sheet and may serve as a Team Captain.
 - D. Master Judge: A MAFCA member who has met the senior judge requirements and, in addition, has passed the examinations in all of the 23 judging categories and has judged in at least five (5) national meets (MAFCA or MARC) and has served as a Team Captain in at least two (2) national meets and has instructed a judging school in at least one (1) judging category. A Master Judge candidate can receive seminar equivalency credit by publishing, with JSC approval, an article in *The Restorer*. MAFCA will allow up to two (2) of these national meet judging requirements to be fulfilled by judging at two regional or divisional meets approved by MAFCA* for each one (1) national meet. One of the tools used for advancement to this certification is the review and approval by the Judging Standards Committee of a Team Captain or Chief Judge evaluation.

* MAFCA will allow credit for judging at certain Divisional and Regional meets under the following conditions:

1. The meet is a MAFCA sanctioned meet and judging is done according to the **Model A Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards**.
2. The Chief Judge is a Master Judge.
3. Team Captains must be Senior or Master Judges.
4. The Chief Judge or Team Captains must verify a judge participated satisfactorily in the meet judging.

A Master Judge may make judging score determinations, enter judging points on the judging score sheet and be eligible to be a MAFCA National Meet Chief Judge.

- E. Chief Judge: A member who is a Master Judge shall be recommended by the MAFCA Judging Standards Committee as the Chief Judge for a national, divisional or regional meet and approved by the Board of Directors. The duties of the Chief Judge shall be as specified in Policy Part III, Section 2, paragraph 5. Master Judges may, if necessary, be designated as assistants to the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge shall assign and select judges and categories, supervise all judges in technical matters and resolve all technical judging questions arising during the meet. A Chief Judge shall not make score determinations and shall not enter judging points on the judging score sheet.

3. Definitions:

- A. Team of Judges: A group of two or more judges selected to judge a category or categories. The team judge having the highest certification shall make judging score determinations and enter judging points on the judging score sheets.
- B. Regional or Divisional Meet: A car judging meet in which **the Model A Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards** are used for judging the 1928 through 1931 Ford Model A vehicles.
- C. Judging Coordinator: A MAFCA member(s) shall be designated by the MAFCA National Meet host group as the judging coordinator(s). The judging coordinator(s) shall handle all administrative and clerical tasks. The judging coordinator(s) shall not be responsible for technical judging matters and need not be a certified judge.

4. Records: A master record of all certified MAFCA judges shall be maintained by the MAFCA national headquarters staff. This record shall include the judge's name, tests passed, classification and categories for which the individual is certified. The MAFCA national headquarters staff shall insure that each judge shall be issued a card certifying the judging classification and a letter certifying the judging categories.

5. Certification Card: The judging certification card shall be a typical wallet-size card of sturdy plastic. The front face shall have the MAFCA member's name and club logo. The back side shall carry the statement: "The named Model A Ford Club of America member as evidenced by this card is a certified Model A Ford car judge in the categories as on record at the club's headquarters, having passed the prescribed written examinations and judged in car meets as required by the Model A Ford Club of America's Judging Certification Policy." One card shall be given free to each certified judge;

replacement cards will be issued for a nominal fee. Certification cards shall be issued at least every six months.

6. Classification Maintenance: After becoming a certified judge, the judge must judge in one national meet or 2 regional/divisional meets in any five-year period.
7. Lapse of Certification: If certification lapses, the individual wishing to be re-certified must make a written request to the MAFCA Judging Standards Committee for re-certification. The Judging Standards Committee will consider each such request and will notify each individual of necessary requirements for re-certification.

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