

Boston Chapter Concours d'Elegance 2026 Rules and Classifications

□ GENERAL RULES

1. Only BMWs and MINI's may be entered by their legal registered owners.
2. Entrants must drive the car under its own power and be registered to the display position for judging.
3. A car must be entered in the class designated on the registration form.
4. Absolutely no work may be done on a car after the designated "rags down" time. Violators will be disqualified without exception.
5. Judging will be based on cleanliness and condition, except in Concours Group.
6. A registrant may enter only one car for competition.
7. The Registrant and Co-registrant may share an entry; however, only one trophy will be awarded per winning entry.
8. Judges may not enter a car in the class they are responsible for judging.
9. Decisions of the judges and/or event chairpersons are final.

□ Display Rules

1. Fill out the Registration Sheet and select Presentation Level, Clean, Super Clean, or Concours.
2. All personal items must be removed from the areas being judged.
3. Floor mats must be removed.
4. Glove boxes must be open.
5. Doors must be unlocked; locked cars will be disqualified.
6. No "For Sale" signs are permitted on or in the car.
7. If the trunk is being judged, the trunk lid must be unlocked.
8. Factory-supplied tools shall be displayed in their open compartment when requested by the judges.
9. The spare tire and wheel jack, carpet, removable floor panels, and any factory-supplied accessories must be displayed immediately behind the car.
10. If the engine is being judged, the hood must be open.
11. All windows shall be rolled down approximately 2 inches. Pop-out windows shall be opened fully. On cars where the doors and /or windows do not open in a standard manner (such as on BMW Z1s) doors shall be in the down or open position with the windows fully open. Convertible tops on such cars shall be in the up/closed position for judging.
12. Ashtrays must be open.
13. Sunroofs shall be slid partially open.
14. All Convertible tops must be in the up/closed position for judging.
15. Gas filler doors must be open.
16. For Concours entries only the registrant or a designated representative must be present at the time his or her car is being judged.

17. Vehicles entered by professional or commercial restorers or coachbuilders shall be shown in Display Only category and will not be judged.
18. In the event of rain we may ask to keep items in the vehicle so they do not get wet, IE Floormats etc.

□ **Scoring**

Areas of judging, depending upon the Presentation Level, are as follows:

- Exterior 20 points maximum
- Interior 20 points maximum
- Trunk 20 points maximum
- Engine 20 points maximum
- Undercarriage 20 points maximum

The Concours is an event focusing on cleanliness and attention to detail in the presentation of show entries. Authenticity of the vehicle, as originally manufactured, is not considered as a primary judging criterion, except in the Concours Group. With respect to the Concours Group, a maximum of one point per sub-category in each major area may be deducted from the score if, in the opinion of the judges, a part or parts within the area are found to deviate from OEM specifications or have been modified in a non-authentic manner.

Bonus points are awarded as follows (in the event of a tie):

1. One point for every 50,000 odometer miles; up to a maximum of 3 points.
If true mileage cannot be documented -TMU (True Mileage Unknown), then no mileage points will be awarded.
2. One point for every ten years of the car's age;(Base model year) up to a maximum of 5 points.
3. Concours cars will also be awarded bonus points.

□ **Judging/Presentation Level**

- **Clean (CL):** Interior & Exterior
- **Super Clean (SC):** Interior, Exterior, Trunk, and Engine Compartment.
- **Concours:** Vehicles are prepared with attention to quality and cleanliness to detail as expected in a formal Concours d' Elegance. Interior, Exterior, Trunk, Engine Compartment, and Undercarriage.

Scoring

The BMW CCA judges will use a DOT system to quantify observations and deductions in each sub-category. One DOT will equate to ¼ of one point. Four DOTs will be one full point deduction.

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