



Standard of Excellence Judging – Rules & Regulations

Thank you for your interest in the Standard of Excellence Judging (SOEJ) field. There are unique rules that apply to this class of the Showfield as listed below:

- 1.** The SOEJ field is reserved specifically for 50 cars that registered for the SOEJ class. You must park your vehicle in this reserved area, or your vehicle will not be judged, and no points will be awarded.
- 2.** All cars for SOEJ must be in place by 10:00 AM on Saturday for a meeting with the judges. Judges will not try to find you if you are not present.
- 3.** There will be a tent provided for vehicles to use for detailing prior to judging. Vehicles may NOT remain parked under the tent. After a vehicle uses the tent for detailing or judging, it must be moved to the reserved SOEJ field.
- 4.** Vehicles in SOEJ are eligible for the Carlisle GM Nationals Celebrity Choice awards but are NOT included in the Showfield participant ballot voting.
- 5.** All registered show vehicles, including SOEJ, are eligible for the “Top 15” awards in which 15 vehicles are chosen to receive special awards.
- 6.** Only SOEJ vehicles are eligible for the “Best in Show” Award which goes to the highest-scoring SOEJ vehicle.



Standard of Excellence Judging Guidelines

The judges have been instructed that cars from different backgrounds (such as original, restored, custom, etc.) will be competing. The cars are not necessarily being compared to each other, but rather the overall craftsmanship of the individual vehicle. If a car is completely original, the judges will look for effort to preserve the car's equipment/paint/interior/glass. If a car is restored, are there any issues with body work, fitment, overall quality? If the car is a custom/resto-mod, does it represent quality work with quality parts/work and is it unique?

EXTERIOR

Body & Paint (10 pts): Panel alignment, fitment of products, quality of paint and any customized body work done will be assessed. Swirls, dirt in paint, thin spots, and scratches will be analyzed.

Suspension (5 pts): Attention to detail of undercarriage, any upgrades to a resto-mod car, fitment of suspension pieces/quality of installation, attention to detail with any powder coating or painting. Prevention of rust on original cars, work done on restored cars that had rust issues.

Brakes (5 pts): Quality of brake components used. If car is a resto-mod, are new/upgraded brakes used? If the car is stock restored, have new correct-appearing lines been utilized? If all-original, are they in good working order?

Wheels/Tires (10 pts): Cleanliness of wheels, condition (if new, are they kept nice? If original, are they well preserved?). Fitment of wheels/appearance with car, quality, and cleanliness of tires.

Overall Quality (10 pts): Overall execution of vehicle's exterior. Does custom paint match up? Is stock paint used in conjunction with other stock items? If car has aftermarket paintjob, is it applied well?

ENGINE BAY

Appearance/Performance (10 pts): Engine modifications (if any), quality use of turbo or supercharger (if any), cleanliness of engine bay, wiring is done cleanly, repaint on engine is applied properly and has no drips/marks, valve covers appear stock (if stock restoration) any bolt-on or other accessories are in good condition and fit well.

Overall Execution (10pts): Overall attention to detail in your engine bay. Are things clean, fit right, custom parts fabricated well, everything is held in with proper mounts, etc.? If the car is a custom, does it have unique/quality upgrades? If original, is it kept clean and preserved as best as possible?

INTERIOR

Passenger Compartment (10 pts): Condition of upholstery/dash (if original – in good shape, if restored – good fitment), carpet quality/cleanliness, if custom seats are equipped, do they fit well? Any custom interior modifications made fit well and are of good quality. If car is all original, is the interior well-preserved?

Trunk (10 pts): Is trunk kept clean, free of major issues/leaks, does it have jack instructions? If car is custom or resto-mod, does the trunk show evidence of any quality customization or thorough attention to detail? If car is fully restored, is new/good condition mat used?

SHOW QUALITY

Show quality is based around a comprehensive look at the car's execution and style. The two categories below are judged based on a universal 5-star rating. The possible 10 stars count as the final 10 points on your score.

Originality/Uniqueness (5 stars): Does your car come equipped with any rare parts or additions? If the car is all original, do you have well-preserved original equipment that is hard to find? If the car is custom or resto mod, have you used quality parts that make for a good car? If stock-restored, does the car use good quality reproduction parts that put it to a high-level, stock-appearing car?

Overall Execution (5 stars): Overall quality of build. Does the car flow well, have good fitment and complementing modifications (if a modified car)? If the car is original, can it still be driven, does it function as it did when produced, are things still usable? If the car has resto-mod or custom work done, does it still have a classic appeal? If original restored, does the car appear to have been done to most factory specifications and the work is at or above factory standards?

Total Score based out of 100 possible points.