

# TRANS AM NATIONALS

## JUDGING GUIDELINES

**CAR #** - Number issued during registration

**CLASS** - Alpha designation (A, B, G, EE, etc.)

**OWNER** - Owner's name

**YR** - Year of the car

**COLOR** - Color of the car

**MODEL** - Sprint, Formula, Special Edition, GTA, Firehawk, etc.

**MILES** - Current odometer reading

### INTERIOR (Max. 5 points each)

**SEATS** - Judges will be looking for wear and/or flaws in upholstery. They will also look at the condition of the foam seat cushions to see if they are deformed or collapsed.

**CARPET/FLOOR MATS** - Any significant wear, stains, dirt or debris in the floor area will be noted

**DASH/DOOR PANELS/CONSOLE** - Excessive wear, cracks & discoloration in vinyl, leather and rubber will reduce points.

**CLEANLINESS** - Dirt in crevices is the big offender here. Judicious use of protectants advised to avoid overly shiny appearance of interior vinyl and plastics.

**PRESENTATION** - Car should be presented as if it were in a sales brochure:

Are the seats and seatbacks adjusted evenly? Dash vents and controls lined up? Steering wheel straight? Seat belts twisted up?

Minimize props like stuffed animals and sales literature which can become a distraction.

### EXTERIOR (Max. 5 points each)

**PAINT/DECALS** - Are there any drips, runs, or thin spots present in paint finish? Finish smooth and glossy? If car has original paint- has factory finish been well maintained?

Have the large nicks, chips and scratches been touched up? Decals and pinstriping exhibiting damage or excessive wear & tear?

Judges will also look at decal placement and for bubbles under decals.

**SHEETMETAL/URETHANE/PLASTIC/CHROME** - Any dents or scrapes? Are the fascias, bumpers and spoilers cracked, chipped or faded? Is chrome shiny and smooth? Fit and finish of body components will cost points if extremely poor.

## **EXTERIOR** (Continued...)

**WHEELS/TIRES** - Are wheels & tires clean and in good condition? Do either show signs of curb scrapes? Grease, brake dust, tar and road grime in crevices cost points. Is white lettering or sidewall stripe yellowed?

**CLEANLINESS** - Get the wax out of the crevices. Exterior rubber and plastics should exhibit proper sheen.

**PRESENTATION** – Keep signs, displays and props at a minimum so the car easily be viewed from all sides. Car should look inviting and ready to go.

## **ENGINE COMPARTMENT** (Max. 5 points each)

**ENGINE/ALUMINUM:** Is engine paint burned off or discolored? Grease, oil and rusty components cost points. Is underhood aluminum dull-looking?

**BELTS/HOSES/RUBBER/WIRING:** Are they clean, serviceable, and routed well? Any evidence of cracked, frayed hoses or wiring will cost points.

**ACCESSORIES:** A/C compressor, A.I.R. pump, alternator, power steering pump: Is everything that should be there correct in appearance and in service?

**CLEANLINESS:** Does engine bay have nice appearance? If original, are the firewall, engine, accessories and steering/suspension clean and well-preserved?

If modified, were mods well-executed? Is bright metal & chrome polished - no water spots or corrosion?

**PRESENTATION:** Everything under hood straight and clean?  
Did the owner sweat the details?

## **OVERALL** (Max. 25 points)

**OVERALL APPEARANCE:** This is an objective measure of the entire car on a scale from 1 - 25 as opposed to its separate sections and/or components. **The overall score should be consistent with the scores in the prior three categories.** Is the workmanship, craftsmanship, maintenance and/or cleanliness of the car consistent throughout? Is the car displayed as if it were being photographed for the sales brochure? Has the vehicle owner paid attention to all of the details?

**WHEN YOUR CAR IS READY TO BE JUDGED, PLACE YOUR JUDGING SHEET ON THE DRIVERS' SIDE OF YOUR DASH**

Judges will be out on the show field Saturday between 10am and 3:30pm and Sunday between 9am and Noon

Judges are not to touch cars unless given specific permission to do so by the owner.

*Let your car be the star. Relax, enjoy and **HAVE FUN!***