

BMW CAR CLUB GB

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE GUIDE 2025

BMW Car Club
Great Britain



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Introduction

Welcome!

This booklet is a comprehensive guide to Club Concours and sets out all the information that all entrants need to know. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with its content as it exists to assist and inform all Concours entrants so that you make the most of Concours events.

- All entrants in the **National Concours** **MUST** pre-book their entry – there will be no entries on the day. Entrants can book by telephoning the Club Office. Pre-booking assists the Club in the organisation of the event. The cut-off date for bookings will be published well in advance of the event date.

Articles covering the arrangements for the National Concours event will appear in Straight Six magazine. Please look out for these articles and keep abreast of the information contained in the Concours Register section of Straight Six Magazine. Numerous social media advertisements will also be conducted to inform Club members of Concours events.

- There is no need to pre-book for the **Southern Concours**, but it would help with organisation of the event if you could email Nigel Smith to indicate that you intend to enter:- nigel@autosprayvss.co.uk

Section 1 of this booklet covers the Concours Categories and Classes for both Regional events and the National Concours event 2024. Please take a look and decide which category you wish to enter – when you pre-book your place at the National Concours you will be required to state which Class you will be entering. Please Note: at the discretion of the Head Judge, cars may be moved into a different Class to ensure that all Classes are properly populated with cars.

Section 2 of this booklet sets out the Club's Concours Rules and Regulations. Please read these carefully. The key purpose of having these Rules & Regulations is to ensure that all entrants are informed of all the key information they need to know. In turn, this ensures equal and fair access to Concours events for everyone.

Sections 3 and 4 of this booklet provide copies of the Scoresheets for all the Categories. These are provided so that all entrants are aware of the judging schedule.

Section 5 of this booklet shows the points available for Total Mileage and Age.

The most important element of Club Concours is to enjoy yourself!

This booklet should be self-explanatory, however, any queries should be directed to concours@bmwcarclubgb.co.uk

Core Operating Principles for Concours

These are the principles which the Club will **always** work to at **all** times in **all** aspects of Concours:

Core Operating Principle	Explanatory Notes
1. Professionalism throughout every aspect of Club Concours	<i>Professionalism - by the Club towards every entrant and their car, by the Club towards Concours itself and this Principle is replicated by all Members entering.</i>
2. Fair and equal access to all Members	<i>Regardless of model of car, every Member is welcome and can enter Club Concours. There are no 'extra points' for any particular models whatsoever.</i>
3. Equal judging for all	<i>The Club Concours Guide sets out detailed information covering judging and this is applied equally to every car entering a Concours event.</i>
4. Clear recognition by the Club of entrants' hard work	<i>Not everyone can win a trophy, that is the nature of Concours. However, it is abundantly clear that every car entering is always extremely well prepared and this evidences that the owner has put in hard work. The Club will recognise every entrant's hard work.</i>
5. A warm welcome to all entrants at every event	<i>This goes without saying! All members are welcome to participate in Club Concours events.</i>

By following these Core Operating Principles, we can all be assured of excellent quality Concours events at all times.

SECTION 1

Concours Categories and Classes for 2025



CONCOURS CATEGORIES 2025

REGIONAL CONCOURS EVENTS

Concours Category	Class	Models
Pride of Ownership	Class A – ‘Classics’	E3, E6, E9, E10 (02), E12, E21, E26
	Class B – ‘Modern Classics	E23, E24, E28, E30, E30 Z1
	Class C – ‘Evolution’	E31, E32, E34, all E36 (including E36/7 Z3)
	Class D – ‘Millennium’	E38, E39, all E46, E52, E53
	Class ‘E’ – ‘Modern Entwicklung’ (the E factory code numbers)	E60/61, E63/64, E65/66/67/68, E70, E71, E81/82, E83, E84, E85/86 (Z4), E87/88, E89, E90/91/92/93, Mini R50/52/53 (i.e. Gen. 1 Mini)
	Class F – ‘New Era’	All F codes, all G codes, all i codes, Mini R55/56/57/58/59/60/61 (i.e. Gen. 2 Mini), Mini F54/55/56/57 (i.e. Gen. 3 Mini)

NB. Regional Concours events may offer Master and Elite Classes as per the National Concours Categories shown in the table below at the discretion of the event organiser.

NATIONAL CONCOURS EVENT

Concours Category	Class	Models
Pride of Ownership	Class A – ‘Classics’	E3, E6, E9, E10 (02), E12, E21, E26
	Class B – ‘Modern Classics	E23, E24, E28, E30, E30 Z1
	Class C – ‘Evolution’	E31, E32, E34, all E36 (including E36/7 Z3)
	Class D – ‘Millennium’	All E46, E38, E39, E52, E53
	Class ‘E’ – ‘Modern Entwicklung’ (the E factory code numbers)	E60/61, E63/64, E65/66/67/68, E70, E71, E81/82, E83, E84, E85/86 (Z4), E87/88, E89, E90/91/92/93, Mini R50/52/53 (i.e. Gen 1 Mini)
	Class F – ‘New Era’	All F codes, all G codes, all i codes, Mini R55/56/57/58/59/60/61 (i.e. Gen 2 Mini), Mini F54/55/56/57 (i.e. Gen 3 Mini)
	Class G – ‘Non-members’ Class (if offered by the event organisers)	Any. This Class is offered to allow owners of BMW, ALPINA and Mini cars who are not members of the BMW Car Club GB to come along, take part and find out more about Club Concours and the Club itself.
Master	One Master Class	Any
Elite	One Elite Class	Any

SECTION 2

Concours Rules and Regulations



CONCOURS RULES AND REGULATIONS 2025

IMPORTANT NOTE

New entrants to Concours are welcome at both Regional and National events. The Club extends a warm welcome to all entrants whether they be a first time or experienced entrant.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Rules and Regulations have been prepared as a result of decades of the Club running successful Concours events across the country. They are relevant to both Regional and National events and provide a framework to maximise consistency in judging and organisation across the Club and to maximise clarity for all entrants.
- 1.2 These Rules and Regulations will be published on the Club website and a copy made available for entrant's perusal at events. All entrants in Concours events enter having agreed to these Rules and Regulations.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 Concours is a competitive event to promote the best in car care, maintenance and presentation of cars without losing the important element of fun, enjoyment and social opportunities that these events bring. In addition, Concours events bring opportunities for entrants to gain experience and through this experience, develop their cars over time. There is a clear progression route for Concours entrants – Pride of Ownership leads to Master Class, which leads to Elite Class. Entrants in Concours have a host of options available from entering Pride of Ownership and continuing over the years to enjoy this Category, or building on successes by moving through Master Class and on to Elite Class. Please enjoy your own personal approach to Concours.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Concours events are open to all paid up BMW Car Club GB Members upon presentation of a valid membership card at event Registration.
 - 3.1.1 For Regional and National Concours events, the organiser may, at their sole discretion, run a Class for Non-Members. This is intended to provide Non-Members with an opportunity to experience events and provide encouragement to join the Club.
- 3.2 For Regional Concours events all entrants must be registered by 10.00am on the day of the event. Regional events may require pre-registration at the sole discretion of the event organiser.
- 3.3 For National Concours it will be mandatory for all entrants to pre-register and closing dates for this will be advertised well in advance. Any entrants who have not pre-registered will not be accepted. There will be no entries on the day. Arrival times for National Concours events will be published in advance and any entrants arriving after the published last entry time shall not be judged, unless agreed at the discretion of both the Head Judge and event organiser
- 3.4 Entrants (and their guests) may need to purchase entry tickets to the event(s). Details will be advertised well in advance and whenever possible, discounted prices will be offered.

- 3.5 BMW Car Club GB Concours events do not include any vehicle safety inspections and it is the entrant's sole responsibility to present their vehicle in a roadworthy condition complete with valid MOT, valid Vehicle Excise Duty (vehicle tax) and valid vehicle insurance.
- 3.6 All entrants and their guests are reminded that they should take all and every precautions to ensure the health and safety of themselves and others at all times.
- 3.7 Any vehicle trailered to any Concours event may be displayed but shall not be judged, unless agreed at the discretion of both the Head Judge and event organiser and, if agreed, 20 points will be deducted.
- 3.8 In exceptional instances, any car deemed to not meet a minimum standard, for example, due to excessive rust or excessive wear, shall not be judged. This is at the sole discretion of the Head Judge whose decision is final.
- 3.9 Any entrant utilising the support of third parties to prepare their vehicle for judging on the day of the event shall not be judged.
- 3.10 All entrants enter Concours events having read, understood and agreed to these Rules and Regulations.

4. CATEGORIES AND CLASSES

- 4.1 Regional events are run using the Pride of Ownership Category unless otherwise stated.
- 4.2 National events are run using the Pride of Ownership Category, the Masterclass Category and the Elite Category.
 - 4.2.1 *Pride of Ownership* - This Category is aimed at all Club members - primarily people entering Concours for the first time and people who drive their car regularly/every day.
 - 4.2.2 *Masterclass* - The Masterclass Category is aimed at past overall winners of the Pride of Ownership Category at Regional or National events. It also encompasses those who may have completed full vehicle restorations to a high standard. These are the best calibre cars in the Club competing together and judged on cleanliness, condition and originality. No cars less than four years old are eligible to compete at Masterclass level.
 - 4.2.3 *Elite* - The Elite Category is aimed at those who have previously won the Masterclass and cars chosen by the Concours co-ordinator/chief judge as representing the very best Concours cars in our Club. These are the elite calibre cars in the Club competing together and judged on cleanliness, condition and originality. No cars less than four years old are eligible to compete at Elite level.
- 4.3 The Pride of Ownership Category will contain 6 Classes at Regional events and additional Classes within the Pride of Ownership Category may be available at national events (such as a 'Non-Members Class'). Details of the Pride of Ownership Classes are published on the Club website.

5. SCORING

- 5.1 Each vehicle shall be judged on the official scorecard provided at Registration. Blank scorecards are published on the Club website within this booklet for information.
- 5.2 Points will be deducted for any vehicle which does not display an official BMW Car Club GB window sticker and/or relevant BMW Car Club GB Register windscreen sticker (unless the vehicle is entered into a 'Non-Members Class').
- 5.3 Points will be deducted for failure to present the vehicle's owner's instruction manual handbook pack with service history record.
- 5.4 "Concours Commended" awards may be presented for entrants achieving a minimum score. The minimum score required will be shown on the official scorecard. The purpose of "Concours Commended" awards is to recognise all entrant's cars which place outside of the winning cars but which have achieved a good concours standard.
- 5.5 Age related points are awarded for each car entering and details of the available points in relation to this aspect are published each year on the Club website and within this booklet.
- 5.6 Points will be awarded for total miles. Details of the available points in relation to this aspect are published on the Club website and within this booklet.
- 5.7 All vehicles must be presented as an assembled whole i.e. windows up, soft tops raised, doors, bonnet and boot lid closed etc. All entrants must remove any floor/over mats and any belongings from all and any compartments (e.g. the glove box) from the vehicle prior to judging.
- 5.8 Originality is not considered by judges in the Pride of Ownership Category at either Regional or National events.
- 5.9 Originality is considered as per the published scorecard at Masterclass and Elite Categories. For clarity, new parts are not considered non-original if they are genuine BMW/ALPINA/MINI replacement items for that model. Genuine AC Schnitzer parts are considered original if pre 2008. Parts/accessories are deemed original if available for that model during its production year.
- 5.10 It is the entrant's responsibility to prove originality if queried, not the judges to disprove.
- 5.11 Judges discretionary points may be added at the sole discretion of the Head Judge.

6. JUDGING

- 6.1 Concours event organisers should provide marshals to arrange competitors to park their cars allowing ample space between each vehicle.
- 6.2 Entrants shall stop all preparation on commencement of judging save being allowed to remove any surface dust or rain immediately prior to being judged. Entrants continuing to clean after judging commences may be either warned, disqualified or deducted points at the sole discretion of the Head Judge.
- 6.3 Judging should commence no later than 11.00am and be completed by 3.30pm.
- 6.4 Judges shall not judge any car unless the owner is present. Judges shall not open or remove any panels without the express consent of the owner.
- 6.5 Competitors are respectfully reminded due to limited time, not to distract or talk to the judges during their task, unless asked specific questions by the judge. Normally, judges will be happy to discuss any specific aspect after judging has been completed.
- 6.6 The judges and event organiser will use their best endeavours to confirm the results on the day of Regional events and hand back competitors score sheets. If this is not possible, they shall be forwarded after the event.
- 6.7 For National events, results will be presented either on the day of the event or on the day following the event.

7. PROTESTS

- 7.1 The Head Judge's decision is final.

SECTION 3

Pride of Ownership Scoresheet





Pride of Ownership - Judging Sheet

Event: _____

Entry No: _____

Name: _____

Membership No: _____

Vehicle Reg: _____

Model of Car: _____

Year: _____

Total Mileage: _____

Your Region: _____

Class Entered: _____

1) Interior and Boot

- 1.1 Seats
- 1.2 Trim & Dashboard etc.
- 1.3 Carpets
- 1.4 Internal glass & seals
- 1.5 Boot flooring & compartment
- 1.6 Spare wheel well/spare wheel & tools

Points
AvailablePoints
Scored

20

20

20

20

20

20

Judge to
check and
insert total
mileage here:*Subtotal*

120

Judges
initials

2) Exterior, Body and Chassis

- 2.1 Paintwork
- 2.2 Panels
- 2.3 Trim
- 2.4 Exterior glass and seals
- 2.5 Lights, indicators (condition)
- 2.6 Insignia displayed (Club)
- 2.7 Wheels and tyres
- 2.8 Wheel Arches

20

20

20

20

20

20

20

20

Judges
initials*Subtotal*

160

3) Engine and Special Factors

- 3.1 Compartment Cleanliness
- 3.2 Engine, ancillaries & cooling system
- 3.3 Handbook/service records

20

20

20

Judges
initials*Subtotal*

60

4) Bonus Points (completed by registrar)

- 4.1 Age
- 4.2 Total Mileage

20

12

Judges
Initials*Subtotal*

32

Sub Total**372**

5) 5.1 Judges Discretionary marks (if used)

25

Initials

GRAND TOTAL**397**

RETURNED TO COMPETITOR AFTER AWARDS FOR THEIR INFORMATION (any judges notes to be entered on reverse)

All participants enter the event having read, understood and agreed to the BMW Car Club GB Concours Rules and Regulations

SECTION 4

Master and Elite Classes Scoresheet





Masterclass & Elite Class - Judging Sheet

Event: _____

Entry No: _____

Name: _____

Membership No: _____

Vehicle Reg: _____

Model of Car: _____

Year: _____

Total Mileage: _____

Your Region: _____

Class Entered: _____

	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Scored</u>
1) Interior and Boot		
1.1 Seats (inc. runners & seat belts)	20	
1.2 Trim (door cards, pockets, console)	20	
1.3 Dashboard (incl. inst. & glovebox)	20	
1.4 Carpets	20	
1.5 Steering Wheel, Pedals & Controls	20	
1.6 Interior Glass (incl. seals)	20	
1.7 Interior Lights/Mirrors	20	
1.8 Headlining (sunvisors, sunroof)	20	
1.9 Door Shuts & Seals	20	
1.10 Boot flooring & compartment	20	
1.11 Spare wheel well/spare wheel & tools	20	
1.12 Floor Covering/Trim	20	
1.13 Underside Bootlid & Boot Seal	20	
1.14 Originality	20	
1.15 Handbook/Service Records	20	
Subtotal	300	

Judge to check and insert total mileage here: _____

Judges
initials _____

2) Exterior and Bodywork

2.1 Paint and Finish	20	
2.2 Bodywork	20	
2.3 Trim (inc. front grille etc.)	20	
2.4 Exterior Glass (inc. wipers)	20	
2.5 Window seals/surrounds	20	
2.6 Fit of Doors, Bonnet and Bootlid	20	
2.7 Fit of Panels, Bumpers, Valance etc.	20	
2.8 Lights, indicators (condition)	20	
2.9 Insignia (Club)	20	
2.10 Originality	20	
Subtotal	200	

Judges
initials _____

		<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Scored</u>	
3)	Engine			
	3.1 Compartment (paint/panels)	20		
	3.2 Underside Bonnet & Seal	20		
	3.3 Engine & Ancillaries	20		
	3.4 Wiring, Fuel, Brake lines	20		
	3.5 Cooling System, Hoses and Clips	20		
	3.6 Plates & Decals	20		
	3.7 Originality	20		Judges
	Subtotal	140		initials _____

4)	Chassis			
	4.1 Wheels (inside & outside)	20		
	4.2 Tyres (inside & outside)	20		
	4.3 Wheel Arches - Front	20		
	4.4 Wheel Arches - Rear	20		
	4.5 Suspension - Front	20		
	4.6 Suspension - Rear	20		
	4.7 Chassis Underside	20		
	4.8 Exhaust System	20		
	4.9 Originality	20		Judges
	Subtotal	180		initials _____

5)	Bonus Points (completed by registrar)			
	5.1 Age	20		
	5.2 Total Mileage	12		Judges
	Subtotal	32		initials _____

Sub Total	852	
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6)	6.1 Judges Discretionary marks (if used)	25		Initials _____
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GRAND TOTAL	877	
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Comments:

RETURNED TO COMPETITOR AFTER AWARDS FOR THEIR INFORMATION

All participants enter the event having read, understood and agreed to the BMW Car Club GB Concours Rules and Regulations

SECTION 5

Age and Mileage Related Points for 2025





REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CONCOURS

Age and Mileage Related Points for 2025

AGE RELATED POINTS

Build Year	Points
2025	-3
2024	-2
2023	-1
2022	0
2021	1
2020	2
2019	3
2018	4
2017	5
2016	6
2015	7
2014	8
2013	9
2012	10
2011	11
2010	12
2009	13
2008	14
2007	15
2006	16
2005	17
2004	18
2003	19
2002	20 (max. allocation)

TOTAL MILEAGE RELATED POINTS

Total Mileage	Points
5,000 and below	1
5,001 – 9,999	2
10,000 – 19,999	3
20,000 – 29,999	4
30,000 – 39,999	5
40,000 – 49,999	6
50,000 – 59,999	7
60,000 – 69,999	8
70,000 – 79,000	9
80,000 – 89,999	10
90,000 – 99,999	11
100,000+	12 (max. allocation)