

MCA Standard Judging Test Is Undergoing Revisions

MCA's standard judging test, which must be successfully completed by all certified judges, is currently being revised, according to National Head Judge Bob Perkins.

We are now in the process of rewriting the entire standard judging test, and I can promise you it will be much more difficult when we finish."

Perkins says "as the quality and authenticity of show cars continues to improve it becomes necessary to make certain that all our certified judges are qualified to make the increasingly critical evaluations required by competition."

An increase in both national and regional shows using official MCA rules has also resulted in the demand for additional certified judges.

"This has been our busiest year ever in terms of national MCA shows, and this being the anniversary year of the Mustang, the number of regional shows has also increased. It also seems that more groups are going to our official judging rules as the basis for competition in their local shows."

To become a certified MCA judge, MCA members must take a written test, which is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Perkins at North 3183 Highway 26, Juneau, WI 53039.

Each test is keyed to a specific model year as defined in the MCA rule book.

Completed tests are returned to Perkins for scoring. Those who successfully complete the test receive an official MCA judging card and a certificate.

Experienced judges can also become Gold Card Judges.

Letters To The Times

Golden Hills Club Thanks MCA

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Golden Hills Mustang Club (Fairfield, CA), and the "DARE" program, we would like to thank the Mustang Club of America and President Charles Hampton for the club's donation to help with our fifth annual Biggest Little Car Show.

MCA's assistance is greatly appreciated. Thanks to your donation of show packet stuffers of Mustang Times magazines for our event. We attracted more than 100 cars for the show.

We are an MCA club and hold all seminars and judge all our shows using standard MCA rules. Items such as you sent help to make our show each year a resounding success.

This year our proceeds of nearly \$700 will be donated to the "DARE" program. "DARE" stands for Drug Abuse Reassistance Educa-

tion. To become a Gold Card Judge, the member must obtain a letter of recommendation from two other Gold Card Judges who are members of different regional groups from the applicant and who have judged with the prospective Gold Card Judge at MCA-sanctioned events.

Gold Card Judges serve as team leaders of judging crews at national and grand national MCA meets. Their names are also listed periodically in *The Mustang Times*.

"This allows people who are restoring cars to call a knowledgeable individual for help and advice.

"By becoming a Gold Card Judge you are making a real commitment to the hobby," Perkins says. You're telling us that you are really interested in bettering the sport.

Perkins says those who are interested in becoming Gold Card Judges should be aware that they will receive numerous calls from other MCA members seeking advice on specific steps in the restoration process.

"It does demand some time. Often Gold Card Judges have to respond to questions by letter after doing some research. If you want to be a part of this program you can expect to get some picky and difficult questions."

But Perkins feels the Gold Card system can be instrumental in improving the quality of competition cars.

"The Gold Card Judges system can only be as good as the Gold Card Judges want to make it. The people involved must be conscientious and willing to work with others to make our cars and our rules better."

This is a program for grade school children which teaches them the facts about drugs, self esteem, and ways to say no.

We hope you will gain a great deal of satisfaction from your donation and can find it in your heart to help again next year.

Thanks again from the bottom of our hearts for your help in making our show and fund-raising drive a gigantic success.

Mel McCormick
Show Chairman
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