

Rules Clarifications Pave Way For '92 Season!

It's official: the clarifications, corrections and technical changes in the 1991-92 Official MCA Judging Rules — approved at the 1991 Judges' Meeting — have been completed and are included in this issue of *The Mustang Times*.

Since the September meeting, Kitty Wilmot has been working overtime to make certain that all the points raised at the conference were incorporated in the revised rules we're printing this month.

There were no major rules changes approved at the meeting. Major changes can only be considered ever other year. We made some key changes to the MCA rules in 1990 and won't be doing that again until this fall.

But there were a number of technical corrections that needed to be made, some typographical errors that we had to tidy up, and some specific rules which needed a little more explanation.

The result is the reprinted rule book included in this month's magazine.

As I have noted in the past, I am convinced that the judging rules of the Mustang Club of America are the most comprehensive and technically correct of any set of judging rules for any make of automobile in the country.

Since the organization of MCA in 1976, some dedicated purists have put their hearts and souls in to making certain that our rules reflect the Ford Mustang just as it rolled off the assembly line. Of course our rules aren't perfect, but there about as close as any set of rules can get.

And MCA has always been eager to consider any new information or look at new evidence and change, expand or revise what



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we have written down on paper. So our rules are in a constant state of evolution, and every year they get better and better — more accurate and more complete.

Those who joined us at the September rules meeting at Jim Osborn's plant outside Atlanta are to be commended for their interest and dedication. Those who participated in the meeting came very well prepared, stuck to the business at hand, and helped us have one of the most productive rules meetings we've had since I have been associated with MCA.

And there were some important items discussed.

For instance, a new requirement is that all Gold Card Judges must judge at least one show per year where official MCA rules are used. This is to keep our judges sharp and to make certain they stay familiar with rules changes and clarifications.

Also, all Gold Card Judges are being asked to provide their telephone numbers for the quarterly listing in *The Mustang Times* so our members can get in touch with them

and get answers to their questions. That, after all, is one of the primary reasons for having Gold Card Judges.

Other changes included a check of data plate information by judges rather than at tech inspection, revision of tech sheets to include the car's ID number and mileage, and a once-a-year tech inspection for Thoroughbred cars.

The revisions also require that retired cars be at least 10 years old, that Senior Division be open to 1964½-73 models only, and that fire extinguishers be required in every car at National shows. The fire extinguisher does not have to be mounted in the car, but they must be accessible. This rule will be added to the tech sheets. And, if you don't think it's an important addition to our rules, ask Jim Osborn! He lost a prized Shelby enroute to the MCA National in Kingsport, TN this past year!

The completion of these revisions can mean only one thing: the 1992 season is just around the corner. Though our first MCA National event isn't until June in Indianapolis, IN, the Gulf Coast Regional Mustang Club in Pensacola, FL will again be kicking off the show season in late March and Mustang owners all across the country will soon be putting the final touches on their classic cars for another year of trophy-hunting.

Study these revised rules carefully as you get your Mustang ready for the 1992 season. And make plans now to join us this fall when we hold our 1992 MCA National Judges' Meeting to continue to refine and perfect the "bible" of the Mustang hobby.



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