

ASK THE JUDGES

Hey Allen,

I just recently bought a new Mustang and I find myself with a dilemma on which class to register in at shows.

The car is a Roush Blackjack, which would suggest placing it in the Saleen/Roush/Shelby/Cobra class. However, it is also my primary car and I drive it regularly for work and pleasure, which would open up the daily driven class.

Due to the regular use, my personal inclination would be to go with the daily driven class since I don't believe it will stand up in a class with dedicated "show" cars.

I was wondering if you could offer any advice as a judge as to which class would be more appropriate for me to register.

Thanks for the help.

Adam Stark

Hi Adam,

Your Roush Blackjack, is an awesome Mustang for a primary driver. I look forward to seeing it at one of MCA's shows! However, since it is a new car it can't be placed in either Division V, Occasional Driven, or Division VI, Daily Driver since both divisions are open to Mustangs 2008 and older. Likewise, Division VIII, specifically Class SPB, is open to all Roushes not newer than 2008. Your only option this show season is to enter it into Division X Class LMA which is open to 2009 - 2010—a popular vote class.

The only judged class in which your Blackjack could possibly compete is Division VII, which is for Modified Mustangs up to and including 2010 models. However, unless major modifications have been made to your car beyond those by Roush, it could not be entered in that class either.

As in all classes, including those competing in the Popular Vote category, cleanli-

ness and workmanship are of primary importance.

Thanks for your inquiry.

Allen

Allen,

Thanks for getting back to me. Reading your reply, I went back over my original email and noticed I neglected to mention a detail about the car since I was not aware it would have a bearing on classification.

Although just purchased in October '09, the car is actually an '08 Blackjack that the dealer had sitting on their lot a LONG time due to the beginnings of the recession.

Based on your reply, I'm assuming the "2008 and older" is inclusive of the '08 model year which would still have my car eligible for Division(s) V/VI/VIII and still leaves me in a mild state of confusion on which way to register.

For now, I'm registered for the Pensacola National at the end of March and I've gone for division VIII. Thanks for the information, and maybe I'll catch you at the show.

Adam Stark

Hello Mr. Stewart,

I live in North Carolina and have been entering my Mustang in the Concours Driven Class. It is a '97 with 60,000 miles on the odometer. We are planning the trip in March for the Pensacola, Florida, National show.

Nothing under the hood has been changed except the battery. My husband and I are concerned with the belts (original) and tires that have been on the Mustang for about 10 years, although still in good condition for driving locally.

If we trailer the Mustang may we still enter it the Concours Driven class? We have already earned a Red Medallion; we are

now working on the Blue. Any help is appreciated.

Thank you!

Betsy

Betsy,

Thanks for your question.

The MCA rules for Classification say, in part, under Division II, Concours Driven 1964-1/2 - 2000: "A special "PS" class is available for owners to trailer their car to a National Show. This class was created to help draw more participation from owners that might not want to drive their car a long distance for any number of reasons. Cars shown in the PS class are cars that would normally be entered in Concours Driven. They are judged the same as regular Concours Driven, but put in a separate class. There is no mileage limitation and PS is limited to 1964 1/2 - 1978 cars."

Inasmuch as your Mustang does not fall within the model limitation it will have to be judged in the Concours Trailed class if it is indeed trailed to an MCA National Show. However, if it is prepared well for a show, i.e. workmanship and cleanliness, it should do well.

Hope this helps.

Allen Stewart

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