

1981 JUDGING RULES

SHOW RULES

1. A contestant must decide at the time of entry into which class he wants to enter his car. Once the car has been entered, its class cannot be changed for that show without the concurrence of MCA. MCA will not be responsible for deciding if a car is modified or not. A car's class, however, may be changed at the next meet entered.
2. Before a car (in any class) can receive its official entry number, it must pass through the technical inspection. The car owner will be required to be with the car at this time.
3. Any car that does not have a Ford drivetrain will not be allowed to compete in MCA competition.
4. Modified cars will not be judged for authenticity. They will be awarded modified points only for areas that are modified. No points will be given for stock. These cars will be judged for Quality of Workmanship, Condition, and Cleanliness.
5. Cars entered in MCA judging are first placed in the Junior Division. After winning two first place awards in any class, or any Best of Show Award, a car is elevated into the Senior Division.
6. Best of Show will be the car that receives the highest composite score. Cars that win Best of Show will not be eligible for a class trophy.

CLASSES

- 1965 Coupe
- 1965 Convertible
- 1965 Fastback

- 1966 Coupe
- 1966 Convertible
- 1966 Fastback

- 1967-68 Coupe*
- 1967-68 Convertible*
- 1967-68 Fastback*

- 1969-70 Coupe*
- 1969-70 Convertible*
- 1969-70 Fastback*

- 1971-73 Coupe*
- 1971-73 Convertible*
- 1971-73 Fastback*

- Street Modified*
- Conservative Modified*
- Radical Modified*

- 1965-66 Shelby
- 1967-70 Shelby

- Bosses*

- Street Driven A (Under age 20)
- Street Driven B (Age 20 & over)

- Unrestored

- Best of Show — Stock*
- Best of Show — Modified*

Junior Division

All classes listed above are part of the Junior Division.

*Senior Division

All asterisked classes listed above as well as the following combined classes are part of the Senior Division. Unrestored and Street-Driven classes are not represented in the Senior Division.

- 1965-66 Coupe
- 1965-66 Convertible
- 1965-66 Fastback
- 1965-70 Shelby

MECHANICAL CHECKLIST

A. Operational	Points Deducted
Headlights (high and low beam)	-1
Parking lights	-1
Turn signals	-1
Tail & Tag lights	-1
Running lights (if applicable)	-1
Courtesy lights including console lights (if applicable)	-1
Rally-Pac &/or Clock (if applicable)	-1
Radio (if applicable)	-1
Air Conditioning (if applicable)	-1
Leaks (oil, water, transmission fluid)	-1
B. Patent Plate	
Paint color not as patent plate	-6
Upholstery and floor covering not as patent plate	-5
Engine assembly not as patent plate	-4
Transmission not as patent plate	-5

If no patent plate *all the above points* will be deducted.

STOCK CLASS

Point Minimums

A car must score the following minimums, out of a perfect score of 500 to be awarded the respective placing.

- First Place — 400 points
- Second Place — 350 points
- Third Place — 300 points

Points listed in the following rules are deducted from a base score of 500 to give score.

1. Engine Compartment	Points Deducted
A. Battery: Ford battery is necessary. Must be mounted in original position with appropriate carrier and attaching parts.	
(1) Not the appropriate carrier and attaching parts	-1
(2) Not Ford battery	-1
B. Starter and Generator/Alternator: Starter and generator must be painted black, alternator must be natural color.	
(1) Starter, generator/alternator not as above	-2
C. Cables and starter solenoid: Starter solenoid must be of proper design and finish and mounted in the original location. Starter and battery ground cables must be black and routed in original position. Battery positive cable must be red. Must have original mounting brackets. Shields or deflector on	

positive post (1965-67).

- (1) Solenoid and battery cables not as above

D. Distributor, spark plugs, and plug wires: Distributor must be of proper design and finish and be correct for year and model of car. Distributor cap must be genuine Ford, black plastic. Spark plug wires must be black and routed in the original locations with proper mounting brackets.	
(1) Distributor and cap not as above	-2
(2) Spark Plug wires and attaching parts not as above	-1
E. Coil: Must be genuine Ford painted black, mounted in the original location with proper mounting brackets. Must have ceramic top unpainted. Bracket natural or black.	
(1) Not as above	-1
F. Wiring: Must be of proper gauge and color code, mounted in the original location with proper attaching clips. Black plastic wrapping must be as original.	
(1) Not as above	-2
G. Horns: Must be of original design and mounted in original location with proper mounting brackets. Must be black.	
(1) Not as above	-1
H. Bolts in fenders must be of original color (natural) and bolts in inner fender panels must be painted.	
(1) Not as above	-2

- I. Oil filter** must be Motorcraft or Autolite.
- (1) Not as above

2. Fuel System

A. Lines: Rigid lines must be of original configuration and finish; in the original location with proper attaching parts. Flex lines must be black.	
(1) Not as above	-1
B. Carburetor: Must be of proper type for year and engine.	
(1) Not as above	-4
C. Air Cleaners: Must be of proper type for a particular car. Must be painted proper color, except with engine dress-up kit.	
(1) Not as above	-4
D. Fuel Pump: Must be of original design, finish, and location.	
(1) Not as above	-1

3. Cooling System

A. Radiator: Must be painted semi-gloss black and of proper core thickness; must have black rubber overflow tube. Radiator cap must be of original type and finish. Radiator hoses must be of molded black hose of original size and configuration with clamps of original design and finish. Heater hose must be black and mounted in the original location with clamps of original design and finish.	
(1) Radiator, hoses, and clamps not as above	-5
(2) Heater hose and clamps not as above	-2

4. Major Engine Components

A. Block, cylinder heads, intake manifold, and attached components: Must be the proper engine and cylinder heads as designated by the patent plate. The following engine components must be painted in proper color for engine: cylinder block and cylinder heads, valve covers, intake manifold, thermostat housing, water pump assembly, alternator/generator bracket, oil pan, oil pick-up tube, oil dip stick handle. The following engine components must be painted black: engine mount brackets, fan pulley, crankshaft pulley, fan. The following engine components must be left natural: bell housing, accelerator linkage, exhaust manifolds. 1965 engine block black. 260 block painted blue.

- (1) Improper color on components to be painted -4
- (2) Improper color on components to be natural -2

5. Transmission

A. Must be an original type Mustang transmission correct for year of car, according to warranty plate. Exterior surfaces of transmission must be natural. Export models painted correct color. Filler tube on automatic transmission must be painted black.

- (1) Improper finish on transmission components -2

6. Engine Compartment Walls

A. Firewall, inner fender panels must be painted semi-gloss black, underside of hood painted same color of car, hood hinges left a natural color, and the firewall must have undercoating at the proper places. Steering column must match the color of the interior. Proper inner fender decals.

- (1) Firewall, inner fenders painted other than semi-gloss black -4
- (2) Under hood does not match color of car exterior -2
- (3) Does not have undercoating on firewall -1
- (4) Hood hinges not natural finish -1
- (5) Improper decals -2
- (6) Steering column not proper color -1

B. Hood release mechanism and latches. Must be of original style and natural finish.

- (1) Not as above -1

C. Master cylinder assembly painted black. Cap natural color. Must be correct for year of car and/or proper finish

- (1) Not as above -1

D. Windshield washer assembly. Windshield washer reservoir assembly, mounting bracket, hoses and pump must be of original type and finish and mounted in the original locations, 1965-66 black bag with white lettering, 1967-73 reservoir.

- (1) Not as above -1

Point deductions for items not proper or original
(Other than above items) -8

7. Exterior

A. Paint: Color of body must be as designated by the patent plate and painted with synthetic enamel.

- (1) Not as above -5

B. Soft top (convertible): Covering must be of proper color, material, and style for year of car. Top frame assembly must match year of car. 1965-66: black, white, light blue, or tan/parchment top only.

- (1) Not as above -5

C. External lamp assemblies: Headlamps must be matching, clear, legal bulbs. Fog lights (if applicable) must be of original Ford accessory type, mounted in the original manner, and have any legal clear bulbs. Parking lights, taillights, back-up lights, running lights (if applicable), and license plate light assemblies must be of original design for year of car. Headlamp doors must be of proper style and finish for year of car.

- (1) Headlamps and doors not as above -5
- (2) Fog lights not as above -5
- (3) Parking lights, taillights, back-up lights, running lights, and light for license place (maximum 2 point deduction each group) . -9

D. Bumpers and guards must be of the proper style and finish for year of car and mounted in the original

- position.
 (1) Not as above -5
- E. Other chrome trim and molding, including antenna and outside rear view mirrors:** Must be of the proper style and finish for year of car and mounted in the original locations.
 (1) Not as above -5
- F. Windshield, door glass, vent window, and rear window glass or plastic (whichever is applicable):** Must be of the original style and mounted in the original location. Must be CarLite glass.
 (1) Glass and plastic of improper style or mounted incorrectly -4
- G. Stripes (if applicable)** must be of the original type and placed in the proper place.
 (1) Not as above -2
- Point deductions for items not proper or original
 (Other than above items) -10
- 8. Interior**
- A. Upholstery and floor covering:** Must be in the original style and color scheme as indicated on the patent plate. Carpet must be of the original molded type.
 (1) Not a Mustang seat correct for year of car -5
 (2) Style or grain not as original
 (a) seat -5
 (b) door, kick panels, and quarter panels -5

- (c) dash covering -1
 (d) windlace and sunvisors -4
 (e) carpet -5
 (f) headlining or underside of soft top -2
- B. Door hardware:** Must be of original style and finish and mounted in the original location.
 (1) Not as above -2
- C. Windshield trim, inside mirror, top latches, visor brackets:** Must be of the original style and finish and mounted in the original location.
 (1) Not as above -4
- D. Dash hardware, steering column and wheel assembly:** Must be of the original style and finish and mounted in the original location. Woodgrain wheel available with all interiors in 1965-66.
 (1) Not as above -5
- E. Radio** must be genuine Ford.
 (1) Not as above -5
- F. Pedal assembly, firewall cover, underdash area, seat tracks:** Must be of original style and finish and mounted in original location. If car is equipped with disc brakes, brake pedal must so indicate.
 (1) Not as above -2
- G. Door weatherstripping and latching mechanisms, threshold plates with proper black decal.** Must be of the original style and finish and located in the original location.
 (1) Not as above -3

- H. Painted surfaces:** Color must be painted same as exterior for floor and door jambs. Dash color (low luster) correct for year of car.
 (1) Floor and door jam not as above -1
 (2) Dash not as above -1
- Point-deductions for items not proper or original
 (Other than above items) -10

9. Undercarriage

- A. Floor pan and underfender** must be painted in semi-gloss black, or primer. (Black undercoating can be substituted for either or both of the above. Body color overspray accepted, but not entire floor pan).
 (1) Not as above -7
- B. Gas tank** must be of original type and finish (natural) or undercoated and be mounted in the original location.
 (1) Not as above -1
- C. Rigid fuel and brake lines** must be steel and of the proper finish (natural) and routed in the original locations. Flexible brake lines must be black rubber. Brake line vent must be black rubber and mounted in the proper location.
 (1) Rigid fuel and brake lines not as above -2
 (2) Flexible lines not as above -1
- D. Suspension:** Shock absorbers (Motorcraft), springs, sway bar,

steering linkage assemblies, front suspension assemblies, and brakes must all be of the original type, mounted in the original location and must be painted the appropriate color.
(1) Not as above -5

E. Drivetrain: Drive shaft and universal joints must be of the original type and finish and mounted in the proper location. Transmission cross brace support must be a natural color.
(1) Drive shaft and u-joints not as above -1
(2) Cross brace support not as above -1

F. Wheels, tires, and hubcaps: Wheels must be of the proper size and style peculiar to that year of car and must be painted black. Styled steel wheels must be correct for year of car and have proper color inserts. Hubcaps must be of proper style for year of car. Tires must be of proper size for year of car, or equivalent replacement size.
(1) Not proper size tires -6
(2) Wheels not painted black -5
(3) Not proper style steel wheel and/or hubcap -5

G. Exhaust pipes, mufflers, tailpipes, exhaust deflectors (if applicable), and attaching parts must be of original design and finish and routed in the original location. Exhaust must be Ford.
(1) Exhaust system not as above -8

H. All bushings, grommets, brake adjusting access hole plugs, attaching nuts, bolts, washers, etc. must be of the original style and finish.
(1) Not as above -3

Point deductions for items not proper or original
(Other than above items) -5

10. Trunk Compartment

A. Mat (if applicable) and cardboard must be of original style and type of material proper for that year of car and mounted in the original location.
(1) Not as above -5

B. Spare Tire: Spare tire and wheel must be of proper type for that year and car. Must be of correct finish and mounted in the original location with clamping parts of the original style and finish. Space saver optional on 1966 up.
(1) Not as above -2

C. Jack assembly and lug wrench: Must be of original style and finish and mounted in the original location.
(1) Not as above -2

D. Trunk compartment and under deck lid painted surfaces, weatherstrip, and jacking instruction sheet.
(1) Paint does not match exterior of car -3
(2) Weatherstrip and jacking instructions not of original style -2

E. Taillight body, gas filler neck, trunk latch, flex hose must be of the original design and finish. Clamp (not worm type).
(1) Not as above -4

Point deductions for items not proper or original
(Other than above items) -5

QUALITY OF WORKMANSHIP, CONDITION, AND CLEANLINESS

These points are awarded according to the judges' discretion

1. Engine Compartment	Points Awarded
A. Engine block with attached cast iron parts (including all motor mounts and attaching parts): paint, condition, and cleanliness	10
B. Engine electrical system (including distributor, coil, spark plug wire loom assembly, generator/alternator, starter, and attaching parts): paint, condition, and cleanliness	6
C. Fuel system (including fuel pump, carburetor, all fuel lines, accelerator linkage): condition and cleanliness	6
D. Other items attached to engine (includes air cleaner, valve covers, oil breather cap, including hoses, etc.): Dress-up kits must be complete	6
E. Engine compartment walls (including underside of hood, hood	

hinges, and latch dowels): runs on walls no points deducted, perfect wall can have points deducted: paint, finish, and cleanliness 10

F. All non-electrical parts attached to engine compartment walls (including hood latch assembly, brake master cylinder, battery carrier, steering column and steering gear housing, and windshield washer assembly): finish, condition, and cleanliness 6

G. Electrical wiring (including starter solenoid, voltage regulator, battery and starter cables, wiring looms, and junction blocks): condition and cleanliness 10

H. Cooling system (includes radiator and cap, fan and belts, radiator and heater hoses and clamps): paint, finish, and cleanliness 8

2. Exterior

A. Body workmanship and fit: smoothness of sheet metal, alignment of hood, trunk, doors to body, attachment and alignment of chrome parts to body 10

B. Paint and finish on body: quality and cleanliness 20

C. Major chrome (bumpers, frills, and guards): quality and cleanliness 10

D. Other chrome: quality and cleanliness 10

E. Glass and/or plastic: quality and cleanliness 5

3. Interior

A. Interior door and kick panel assembly (includes covering material, metal trim pieces, controls, and all other attaching parts): condition, cleanliness, and fit 10

B. Door opening area (including door fambos and hinges, underside of door, door weatherstripping, step plates, door latching components, and windlace): condition, quality, and cleanliness 10

C. Seat (includes seat cushion and backrest, back of seat, and seat tracks): condition and cleanliness 10

D. Carpet and firewall cover (including gearshifting mechanism, console, and all parts attached to interior firewall): condition and cleanliness 10

E. Dash assembly (including steering column and wheel assembly, all pedals, underside of dash, windshield trim, sun visors, inside rear view mirror, and radio): condition, quality, and cleanliness 10

F. Underside of top (includes paint, clamps, and headliner or top bow structure and underside of soft

top, whichever is applicable): condition, quality, and cleanliness 10

4. Undercarriage

A. Front and rear suspension (including steering linkage and parking brake cable): paint and cleanliness 8

B. Drivetrain (including transmission, drive shaft, and differential assembly): finish and cleanliness 5

C. Wheels, tires, and wheel covers: condition and cleanliness 7

D. Underside of fenders: finish and cleanliness 7

E. Underside of floorpan (minimal runs permitted): paint and cleanliness 10

F. Gas tank: finish and cleanliness 5

G. Tailpipes and mufflers: finish and condition 8

5. Trunk Compartment

A. Spare tire and jack assemblies (including lug wrench): condition, quality, and cleanliness 5

B. Paint and weatherstripping (including trunk latching mechanism): condition, quality, and cleanliness 10

C. Mats and cardboard (including jacking instruction sheet): condition, quality, cleanliness, and fit 8

MODIFIED CLASS

All cars must be titled as Mustangs and have Ford drivetrains. All entries will be classified as in (1) below at the time of Technical Inspection and placed in one of the following categories: Street, Conservative, or Radical.

1. CLASSIFICATION POINTS AWARDED

(These points are for classification purposes only and will not be added to any judging sheet).

a. Wheels (other than stock)	5
b. Paint (color change)	5
c. Custom Paint	11
d. Fender Flairs	10
e. Bolt-on Hood Scoops	6
f. Molded Hood Scoops	11
g. Bolt-on Spoilers	6
h. Molded Spoilers	11
i. Structure Change	36
j. Interior Change (color change)	4
k. Custom Interior	19
l. Minor Engine (Ford engine — chrome, etc.)	8
m. Major Engine (large block Ford in 1965-66)	19
Street	10-34 Points
Conservative	35-69 Points
Radical	70 Points or above

2. MODIFICATIONS

a. Engine Compartment	5
1. Engine	5
2. Fire Wall	5
3. Electrical System	5
4. Each additional modification	1
(braces, chrome, radiator, paint, hoses, etc.)	
Quality of work and condition	15
Degree of difficulty	15
b. Exterior Body	5
1. Fenders	5
2. Doors	5
3. Quarter Panels	5
4. Glass	5
Degree of Difficulty	15
Quality of work and condition	15
c. Back of Car	5
1. Trunk Lid	5
2. Body Panel	5
3. Tail Lights	5
4. Bumper	5
5. Lower Valance	5
Degree of Difficulty	15
Quality of work and condition	15
d. Front of Car	5
1. Valance	5
2. Bumper	5
3. Grill	5
4. Head Lights	5
5. Hood	5
Degree of Difficulty	15
Quality of work and condition	15
e. Top of Car	5
Degree of Difficulty	15
Quality of work and condition	15
f. Exterior Paint	5
Degree of Difficulty	15
Quality of work and condition	15
g. Undercarriage	5
1. Front Suspension	5
2. Transmission	5
3. Drive Shaft	5
4. Rear End	5
5. Exhaust System	5
6. Gas Tank	5
7. Floor Pan	5
8. Wheels and Tires	5
Degree of Difficulty	15
Quality of work and condition	15
h. Interior	5
1. Seats	5
2. Carpet	5
3. Head Liner	5
4. Dash Pad	5
5. Lower Dash	5
6. Rear Window Shelf	5
7. Each additional modification	1
(Console, clock, radio, mirror, etc.)	
Degree of Difficulty	15
Quality of work and condition	15
i. Trunk Compartment	5
1. Floor	5
2. Sides	5
3. Front	5
4. Rear	5
5. Tire	5
6. Each additional modification	1
Degree of Difficulty	15
Quality of work and condition	15

Degree of Difficulty is based on judge's opinion of skill and time taken to make modification.

UNRESTORED CLASS

1. Cars entered in this class will be judged by the Stock Rules except for the following mandatory deductions:

	Points Deducted
a. New Paint	
0-33% of car	0
up to 66% of car	50
up to 100% of car	100
b. Convertible or vinyl top replaced	10
c. Engine repainted	25
d. Interior	
carpet replaced	25
seat covers replaced	25
door panels replaced	25
dash pad replaced	25

e. Trunk	
new mat or cover	25
new jack or handle	25
f. Undercarriage	
any replacement parts other than exhaust or shocks	25
g. Handicap (by model year)	
1964½	0
1965	5
1966	10
1967	15
1968	20
1969	25
1970	30
1971	35
1972	40
1973	45

STREET DRIVEN (Driven Daily)

1. Determination will be made at the time of Technical Inspection at each show if a car will be allowed to enter this class. Cars entered in this class are not eligible for Best of Show.

2. Entrant must provide a driver's license to be placed in the proper class: A - under age 20, B - age 20 and over.

3. Cars in this class will be judged for cleanliness and condition only. Undercarriages will not be judged.

4. The Minimum Point system does not apply to this class.

5. Cars will be disqualified from this class if they have won any two Street Driven awards or any one award from any other class.

About the MCA Judging Rules

Although we call them rules, the specifications contained in these pages are really nothing more than guidelines: they approximate what is and what is not authentic for any given car. However, in order for a car club to conduct fair, unbiased judging of restored cars, some form of hard and fast guidelines is necessary. MCA does not represent that these rules are perfect; few things ever are and considering the vagaries of the assembly line, it would be surprising if an exception to every rule in this book didn't occur at some point during Mustang production. What this material does represent is the accepted standard against which cars are judged at Mustang Club of America meets and shows. Do note that items at variance with these rules will be judged correct if accompanied by unequivocal documentation attesting to their authenticity.

If obvious errors appear in these rules, please notify Bob Vickery and the National Board of Directors of the Mustang Club of America (see inside of front cover) where they have occurred. We would urge you also to submit documentation of the correct facts at the same time. It is to be understood that for special models not specifically referred to in the rules text (i.e. the T-5 export Mustangs) variances from the listed rules will be expected and allowed.

Because of the nature of judging and restoration, it is certain that disagreements and discontent will occur. You are asked please to remember that the purpose of the Mustang Club of America is to promote the preservation and enjoyment of the Ford Mustang, not to award trophies and honor personal cars. Be a good loser, even if it hurts. Your club will be a better one for it.