



The Basics of NCRS Judging – what’s it all about?? And what category does my Corvette fall into?

The best way to explain NCRS judging is to start with explanations of the two basic categories:

NCRS Flight Award Judging

Flight Awards are based on originality and condition of the car. Restored and Original cars are considered candidates for Flight Awards. An original car in less than top condition can score as well or better than a restored car depending on the originality. Originality is considered; as the car left the factory of origin.

All cars are judged on a points system. This means that any car can earn a top award regardless of how many other cars are being judged. Below is a link to preview and download the judging score sheets! This provides a better understanding of the judging and scoring process. They are valuable for those preparing a car, and those preparing to judge or just refreshing your knowledge

**Judging Score Sheets are now available for [download](https://www.ncrs.org/services/judging) here!
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NCRS Concours Award Judging – NEW!

The National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) has begun a new program of Concours Judging. The NCRS, famous for its meticulous Flight Judging process has expanded its judging offerings to include an entirely new category of Corvettes. This new category is called Concours Judging and is offered for both Stock appearing and Modified Corvettes. It is open to Corvettes built from 1953 to 2004. The car must have been born as a Corvette, have an original VIN Tag (or state issued replacement), and have a title/vehicle registration that states the car is a Corvette (i.e. no kit cars).

What is involved in Concours judging and how does it work? Concours judging is similar to flight judging in that there are 5 teams of judges who evaluate the car in Operations, Interior, Exterior,

Chassis and Mechanical. Unlike Flight judging, however, the teams are not concerned with originality. They are concerned with the function of the systems—in the case of Operations—and the appearance and completeness in all the other categories.

What constitutes a Stock or Modified Corvette for Concours judging purposes? A Stock Corvette is one with the doors, hood and trunk (ISE) closed, and excluding wheels & tires but including paint color or scheme, the car basically appears like a production Corvette. From outward appearance the car body appears to be stock or as it came from the factory. It can have show quality chrome and paint, a different motor than was originally in the car and different suspension. The key in this class is whether the car looks like it might be stock. Modified Corvettes includes all other Corvettes. These can have flared fenders, custom paint such as flames pin stripes or other custom touches. This modified class opens the field for a wide variety of Corvettes that were not previously considered candidates for Flight judging. Concours judging is an exciting new concept within the NCRS and is an exciting new way to open the field for a new generation of Corvette fanatics.

For a more detailed explanation this page describes [Concours Judging](https://www.ncrs.org/seminar/Concours).
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With the exception of originality the rest of the NCRS Judging System is the same for Concours as for Flight Awards.

What to expect:

Be patient. You will have five teams of two judges each, with the possibility of additional observer judge(s) on each team. Each team will cover one section of your score sheets; Operations, Interior, Exterior, Mechanical and Chassis. It may seem like an eternity between judging teams, however, but the Team Leader will keep things moving along.

The NCRS judges are under tremendous pressure. They must spend enough time with the car to be thorough and yet be quick and efficient. So, if the judge does not stay and chat, you will know why. Judges will briefly review your score sheet and explain each deduction they have taken upon completion of their section in judging.

Dust can be experienced since judging is not held in a dust free environment. Light cleaning is permitted on the judging day. Mechanical repairs, assembling of cars, or replacing parts is not allowed.

Crowds can be large. There are typically a lot of people on the judging field, so plan for many people to be near your car. This is a fun time to be in NCRS with the new Concours judging. There are local events that are currently upcoming in Washington State/PNW. Next month I will get a rundown of those events for the Spring. I look forward to hopefully seeing some new



faces. As always, if you have questions or need to be put in contact with your local chapter rep – please do not hesitate to email me at the address on the CMCS website! Happy Holidays!

NCRS Upcoming Events:

43rd Florida Winter Regional – Lakeland, FL February 24 - 26, 2022

2022 Louisiana Regional-New Orleans – Lake Ponchartrain, LA April 7 - 10, 2022

NCRS National Convention – Mobile, Alabama July 24-28

Northwest Regional – Redmond, OR August 18-20

Watch this column for more upcoming LOCAL events!! Observers are always welcome!