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BMW Drivers Club  
South Australia



# BMWDCSA

  

# JUDGING GUIDELINES

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## **BMWDCSA Judging Guidelines** (part of events management)

These guidelines are for organisers, judges and entrants and will be amended as required.

### **EVENT**

The BMW Judging Event (Event) is a social / family / semi-technical Club trophy event to reward owners for their effort to maintain their vehicles to a high standard whether they are driven often or occasionally.

The event is a good forum to encourage owners to improve their vehicles, back to original specification if needed, so as to maintain its integrity and value.

**NOTE A:** One of the Club objectives as per Rule 3.5 is *“to assist in the historical preservation of the BMW marque and individual BMW models in their original specification and to discourage incorrect badging”*

Judging will be based on the condition, preparation, age, and odometer reading of each vehicle. Bonus points are awarded for an OE handbook, toolkit and a visible BMWDCSA sticker, reflecting membership and promotion of the Club.

The Event may be held annually or bi-annually on alternate years to the Bay to Birdwood Classic event.

There will be a limit of 25 vehicles entered in the Event. Judges’ vehicles can be entered to make sure the event is successful and has variety but can be withdrawn on the day to reduce the judge’s ‘workload.’

These guidelines would apply if the BMWDCSA hosted a National Event.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Open to all BMW passenger vehicles including the BMW MINI.

Vehicles must be a minimum of one year old and covered 7,000kms or if less than one year old covered 14,000kms. New vehicles not meeting these criteria may be displayed as part of the Event but will not be judged.

Entrant and owner must be financial members of the BMWDCSA and can enter more than one vehicle but only one per class.



[Eligibility cont.]

Members of interstate BMW Clubs, affiliated to BMWCA and invited guests can enter at the discretion of the senior judge but are not eligible for a class award.

Vehicles need to be driven, not transported to the Event unless they are a dedicated un-registered race or rally car entered in class R.

Entrants must complete the Event entry form by 6pm 2 days prior to the Event. Late entries will be at the discretion of the senior judge.

Entrant and/or owner need to be with their vehicle when it is judged to unlock/lock the vehicle and answer any questions. The owner is the person listed in the Club member and vehicle database and would be the recipient of any award.

## **AWARDS**

Trophies will be awarded to each class winner.

There is not an overall winner, due to the range of age, specification, and technology of the vehicles.

There may be a 'people's choice,' 'restoration' or other awards which may be in a different style or form to a class trophy.

A vehicle must attain a minimum score of 325 points to be eligible for a trophy.

An R class vehicle must attain a minimum score of 225 points to be eligible for a trophy.

A 'first in class' vehicle that has not attained minimum points is not eligible for a trophy but may be acknowledged with a certificate.

## **CLASSES**

There are 12 vehicle classes (see appendix 1). There must be a minimum of 2 vehicles in a class for judging.

If there is only 1 vehicle in a class it will move up to the next later class e.g., G to F etc.



[Classes cont.]

Exceptions: One vehicle in class A will move down to B which will incur a penalty of 5 to 15 points depending on its year of manufacture.

One vehicle in class M (MINI) will move to the relevant BMW class for its year of manufacture.

One vehicle in class F will move down to G which will incur a penalty of 5 to 15 points depending on its year of manufacture. These cars have a spare wheel and associated wheel changing tools whereas class E and the latter do not.

These class changes and penalty points will be at the discretion of the senior judge.

One vehicle in class R is a problem as it cannot be moved to another class. Try and find another class R car prior to the event or contact the single entrant before the event and inform them of the situation – ‘that there must be minimum of 2 vehicles in a class’. However, they are welcome to display their vehicle at the event. Note - that some R class vehicles need to be trailered to the event.

The winner of a class from the previous year will start with a deficit of 10 points so as to keep the event open and the Club members interested.

The age and kilometre/miles allowance balances high and low use vehicles in each class.

Ideally, vehicles should be parked/arranged from the oldest to the newest. Grouped in rows or in a U is better for the judges, as opposed to a long single line.

## **JUDGING**

There will need to be a minimum of five section judges (7 is preferred) plus the senior judge. A couple of ‘trainee’ judges should be included to assist and learn the process.

There may also be an adjudicating judge whose role is to see that the judging is balanced and fair. The adjudicator may also judge the relevant section of another judge’s vehicle entered in the Event. The senior judge may also be the adjudicator.

Preferably two or three scorers are needed to collate the points as each section or vehicle is completed. Ideally, results will be announced on the day.



[Judging cont.]

There are 5 sections to be judged:

1. Exterior 1
2. Exterior 2 & Wheels
3. Interior
4. Engine Bay
5. Vehicle Basics, Boot & Misc.

A judge assesses the vehicle without bias or preference.

Section judges should start on different vehicles so as not to be in each other's way. I suggest starting with the classic vehicles first, as there is more to visually assess on the older vehicles (particularly in the engine bay) whereas newer vehicles have more of the 'nuts & bolts' covered up. A torch may be useful for the engine and interior as it is difficult to assess what you cannot see!

Ideally, vehicles to be judged should have a sticker on the windscreen with the class and number, e.g. A1, A2.... B1, B2 etc. When you have finished judging, write your section number on the sticker, and cross it through.

Each section 1-5 will have its own judging sheet – check the entry number from the windscreen sticker to the judging sheet – use the registration number as double check. Return the judging sheets to the scorer when completed.

If you cannot access a section e.g., the interior, boot or engine write **N J** (Not Judged) in the points box.

Stay focused when judging so as to complete it expediently and enjoy the rest of the day. Avoid any debates with owners, refer them to the senior judge. After judging a few vehicles, you may need to go back and reassess a previous vehicle if you think you may have scored it too high / low or missed something.

Nine (9) points is the maximum for any judged item, ten (10) is only used for a tie break.

The senior judge's decision is final.

## SCORING

This is best achieved with 2 or 3 people to check the judging sheets for missed items and double-check the totals before they are entered in the spreadsheet. One person can also collect the individual judging sheets from the judges to get the scoring underway asap.



## **MODIFICATIONS**

Owners have the freedom to individualise their vehicles with BMW or other parts and accessories.

It may be necessary for practical and economic reasons to use non-BMW parts so as to keep the vehicle 'on the road,' e.g., original parts no longer available; exhaust manifolds that have cracked and been replaced with headers; metric wheels used in the 1980's for which tyres are not available; etc. For vehicles that have been modified or upgraded - is the work up to BMW standard and in keeping with the model's age?

Most of the items listed in the sections are known areas of deterioration particularly on the classic models e.g., fogged lights, worn steering wheels, cracked dash tops, etc.

Incorrect badging is a 5-point deficit - often an 'M' badge on a standard model or a 325i badge on a 318i.

### **A judging scenario to consider:**

*Two class G 1988 E30 models in similar well-maintained condition; one has its original engine but car two has a 2007 BMW twin cam engine – how do you judge them!*

*Note A, refers to original specification. In judging sheet 5, age and kilometre points are awarded. Car two's engine (section 4) is from class E – 1/5<sup>th</sup> or 20% of the 5 sections.*

*The solution is to deduct 20% from the age and kilometre allowance in section 5. Therefore, 33 age points would become 26.4 and with 190,000 kilometres 19 points would become a total of 15.2. A non-BMW engine would make the vehicle ineligible for judging.*

*This scenario may also apply to aftermarket body kits and seats. Replica models will also present a challenge (often they are over restored when compared to an original).*

*Refer to Note A (page 2) and the senior judge for guidance.*

**The BMWDCSA judging Event and Picnic Day is one of the year's highlight Club events and everyone, including judges, should have an enjoyable day!**



## Vehicle Series & Judging Class - December 2023

VEHICLE SERIES	APROX. YEAR BUILT	CLASS
U series models – iX1, X1, iX2, X2	2022 – current*	<b>A</b>
G series models– 3; 5; 6; 7; 8; Z4. X - 3, 4, 6 & 7. I3 & I8	2012 – current*	<b>B</b>
F series models – 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8. X – 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6.	2007 - 2020	<b>C</b>
E80/1's, E90/3's, E60/5's, E84/X1, E70/X5, E71/X6, E89/Z4	2005 - 2015	<b>D</b>
E46/3's, E53/X5, E64/6's E65 7's, E83/X3, E85/Z4	1995 - 2010	<b>E</b>
E31/8's, E36/3's, E37/Z's, E38/7's, E39/5's	1990 - 2000	<b>F</b>
E30/3's, E32/7's, E34/5's,	1980 - 1995	<b>G</b>
E12/5's E21/3's, E23/7's, E24/6's, E28/5's	1970 - 1990	<b>H</b>
1502, 1602, 2002/ti/tii; 2000CS, E3/2.5, 2.8, 3.0, E9/2.5, 3.0 CS/CSI/CSL	1965 – 1975	<b>I</b>
Pre 1970 - ISETTA & 700	up to 1970	<b>J</b>
BMW MINI - R & F series	All models	<b>M</b>
BMW Race & Rally Cars	All models	<b>R</b>

\*Refer judging guidelines re. new vehicles.