

Falcon GT National Concourse Guidelines

Please note, these guidelines are provided to give concourse entrants, officials, judges or any other person involved with Falcon GT concourse events an indication of what is / should be expected when participating in such an event. These guidelines may be amended if future circumstances should change, but only after consultation with all recognised Falcon GT clubs from across Australia.

1. CONCONOURSE COMMITTEE

The concourse shall be arranged, organised and administered by a Concourse Committee based in the host state, consisting of at least 3 financial members, with one being Director, one of whom must be from the Executive Committee, elected or nominated by the host club's members. One member may be from a guest state. Judges in each class or classes shall be selected by the Concourse Committee and may consist of 4 people: 1 for mechanical, 1 for body/exterior, one for interior/boot/wheels and tyres and one for originality. Judges may be selected from interstate attendees at Concourse events, and independent judge(s) may be used in areas of their expertise if the Committee consider this to be an advantage. Committee members/judges may enter their cars into the judging, but shall not judge the class in which their car is entered.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- i. Vehicle - The Concourse is open to Falcon GT's originally produced by The Ford Motor Company of Australia (GT Class) and any other vehicle manufactured by Ford. (Associate Class and Special Interest Vehicles)
- ii. Entrant - The Concourse is open to any financial member of a Falcon GT Club with a vehicle matching the above description.

Note:

- Eligibility for trophies will be at the discretion of the Concourse Committee or judges.
- All vehicles presented for judging must be capable of being driven.
- Any vehicle which is not registered must not be driven in a public place or on public roads.
- A major trophy is 1st, 2nd or 3rd in each class, and overall trophies.
- Special interest vehicles will not be eligible for trophies.

3. SCRUTINEERING

The purpose of scrutineering is:

- To authenticate a GT or GTHO
- Advise the entrant of the most appropriate class for the vehicle to be entered in.
- Classification is an option of the entrant and will be judged accordingly (e.g. will lose points if a car is resprayed and entered into original unrestored) if they decide to classify their own vehicle.
- All entrants (judged and unjudged) will present their vehicle/s at the nominated point and time/s for scrutineering as directed by the host club in concourse entry advice.
- All queries and vehicle information will be kept strictly confidential.
- Confirm that information entered on the entry form matches the compliance plate (ie colour) and inturn matches the car to which it is attached.

A genuine GT must have body numbers matching the compliance plate, and any car which has been found to be re-bodied (ie numbers and running gear transferred to another body)

shall not be considered as genuine unless the receiving body is a previously unstamped new 54H shell, or the transfer has the approval of the relevant state authority and appropriate numbers have been issued.

4. MODEL CLASSIFICATION

Vehicles will be judged in their respective models as defined by the identification plate affixed to the vehicle. GT and GTHO models will be judged as separate models for XW, XY and XA body styles. Additional classes may be considered (eg; RPO/Coupe) depending on numbers entered.

Note: Points will be deducted if vehicle I.D. plate is missing from or not fitted to the vehicle.

5. VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION

Six classes are available:

- "O" Original/Unrestored
 - "R" Original Restored
 - "M" Original Maintained
 - "C" Contemporary
 - "S" Show (Re-engineered)
 - "A" Associate
 - "SI" Special Interest
- i. "O" Original/Unrestored
- For genuine GT and GTHO's that are absolutely stock, original, unaltered and not modified in design from the way it left the factory. Up to 30% of each section may have been restored, eg 30% of a door etc.
 - If vehicle has any documented options missing, points will be deducted.
 - "Dealer Only" fitted options may lose points at the judges discretion.
 - Use of original or reproduction consumables may be judged favourably, at the judge's discretion.
- ii. "R" Original/Restored
- For genuine GT and GTHO's, that in addition to the above, have had a major rebuild / full restoration, full respray or retrim.
 - Any area restored must be in accordance with the ID plate and original factory finish.
 - Falcon GT's less than 15 years old are not eligible for this class.
- iii. "M" Original Maintained
- For genuine GT and GTHO's that may have had only the following items altered/unaltered:
- Body exterior may be repainted.
 - Door jambs, hinges, columns, should not be repainted.
 - Boot Interior and lid under side should not be repainted.
 - Engine should not be repainted.
 - Engine bay may be partially repainted only.
 - Interior should not be re-trimmed.
 - Drivers' seat only may be repaired.
 - Steering wheel and dash pads should be original items.
 - Replacement of any items should be with genuine parts not 'reproduction parts'.
 - Undercarriage should not be repainted.
 - All mechanical items required to maintain the car in a roadworthy condition.

- iv. "C" Contemporary
 - For genuine GT and GTHO's which are altered/modified from original specifications (excluding structural/engineering modifications).
 - Items that would exclude vehicle from "O" and "R" classes would be paint colour, trim colour, wheels, carburettor/intake manifold, transmission type, etc, that differ from ID plate codes.
 - Where changes exceed five in number, points will be lost for each additional change. Eg. Multiple engine modifications are considered as one change, wheels are 1 change etc.
 - Vehicles must retain original type engine, Ford transmission and original type differential.

- v. "S" Show (Re-engineered)
 - For genuine GT and GTHO's where significant engineering/structural changes have been made to alter or enhance performance/appearance.
 - Items that would put a vehicle into this class would include, engine swaps (larger than the original, must be a Ford engine), suspension modifications (wheel tubs, changes to chassis), forced induction systems, customised paint and trim, excessive chromed parts, etc.
 - Modifications are unlimited and whilst vehicle must be genuine, they do not have to conform to ID plate specifications.
 - Judging will be based on engineering and vehicle presentation.
 - If there are insufficient numbers for this class, these vehicles will fall into category "C".

- vi. "A" Associate
 - For any vehicle other than genuine GT or GTHO's, manufactured by Ford Motor Company of Australia. Specifically for Falcon GT Club Associate Members.
 - Vehicles may be original, restored, modified etc, but must be in good condition.

- vii. "SI" Special Interest
 - For any vehicle of Special Interest eg. South African Fairmont GTs, manufactured by Ford Motor Company of Australia.
 - Vehicles may be original, restored, modified etc, but must be in good condition.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- i. Stone Chips or Undercarriage Road Grime - Any vehicle travelling over 150Km to the event which incurs minor stone chips or accidental damage will not lose points. The entrant should use "travel damage sheets" as used by insurance companies to identify such items for the judge's attention. (Available at scrutineering).
- ii. Spare Wheel - The spare wheel rim must be the same type and size of those fitted to the vehicle (Phase III with Bathurst mags - 5 slot is OK) and in good condition.
- iii. Decals - Points shall be lost for use of stickers, badges, sign writing etc on vehicle other than original factory decals, original dealer, club, burglar alarm, registration and service stickers.
- iv. Reproduction Parts - Parts used in place of original items must be of the same design and material. Points may be lost, at the judge's discretion.
- v. Engines - No points shall be lost or gained for internal engine modifications (eg Phase III camshaft, roller rockers, aftermarket parts etc) due to the difficulty of ascertaining such modifications.

- vi. Safety Equipment - The fitting of safety equipment such as fire extinguishers, seat belts and child restraints, or any items required by registration authorities, will not incur loss of any points.
- vii. Penalties - Points will be deducted for oil/water leaks found in any area at 5 points per area.

7. JUDGING

- i. Original Restored, Maintained and Unrestored

“Preliminary judging” will take place as the cars are scrutineered, and will be on the “category” point system - eg poor, average, good, very good and excellent. A percentage of the top scoring cars will then be judged on the individual point score basis on a separate score sheet which is the “Final Judging”. Depending on the number of entrants and closeness of scores, only one run of judging should take place.

- ii. Contemporary and Show

The judging for this class shall be on a basic point score based on general condition and presentation, with additional points given for improvements/modifications.

Entrants are to be given the option of final judging on Saturday before participating in motoring events.

8. DISPUTES

In the event of any dispute arising from model classification, ownership, or options etc, it is up to the owner to provide documented proof of their claim. For example, owner's handbook, workshop manual, new car brochure, or any official original Ford published book or document will be accepted. It is suggested that the owner should provide documentation to the judges, prior to judging, to substantiate the validity and authenticity of new parts/options, which may be of a contentious nature. Note: Street Machine or Wheels type magazines or books are not considered an accurate source of information.

9. JUDGES DECISION

Judges/Concourse Committee decision is final in all cases and no further correspondence will be entered into. A chief judge will be appointed and is responsible for checking all results against NAFGTC guidelines for class and category trophies. Any overriding decisions by the chief judge will be done in consultation with all other category judges.

10. DISQUALIFICATION

The Concourse Committee or Judges may refuse entry or disqualify any entrant from having their vehicle judged in the event, on the grounds of false, misleading or incorrect information, poor standard of entry, gross lack of preparation, or irresponsible conduct or behaviour by the entrant. The Concourse Committee Director may inform the entrant of the reason on the day. Entry fee shall be forfeited.

11. SCORE SHEETS

Details of score sheets will remain the confidential property of the Concourse Committee. However, details of where improvements can be made to vehicles that were judged will be passed on to the entrant, upon their written request, beyond 30 days after the event.

12. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to First Place and Runner-up for each model from each class.

“O” Original Unrestored - XR, XT, XW, XY, XA, XB, EB, EL, BA, XW GTHO (Windsor) XW GTHO (Cleveland) XY GTHO, XA GTHO, XA RPO83, XA Coupe and XB Coupe.

“R” Original Restored - XR, XT, XW, XY, XA, XB, XW GTHO (Windsor), XW GTHO (Cleveland), XY GTHO, XA GTHO, XA RPO83, XA Coupe and XB Coupe.

“M” Original Maintained - XR, XT, XW, XY, XA, XB, XW GTHO (Windsor) XW GTHO (Cleveland) XY GTHO, XA GTHO, XA RPO83, XA Coupe and XB Coupe.

“C” Contemporary - XR, XT, XW, XY, XA, XB, EB, EL, BA, XW GTHO (Windsor), XW GTHO (Cleveland), XY GTHO, XA GTHO, XA RPO, XA Coupe, XB Coupe.

“S” Show - XR, XT, XW, XY, XA, XB, EB, EL, BA, XW GTHO (Windsor), XW GTHO (Cleveland), XY GTHO, XA GTHO, XA RPO, XA Coupe and XB Coupe.

“A” Associate - An overall best vehicle trophy only.

“SI” Special Interest - An overall best vehicle trophy only.

An overall trophy for each class (highest score in each class). There will be one trophy for Classic cars (greater than 15 years) and one for New Era cars 15 years or less.

An Entrants Choice Trophy will also be awarded. Each entrant will be provided with a numbered voting slip with which they can nominate any vehicle other than their own. One voting slip to be provided per vehicle entered.

A Classic Grand Tourer (GT) Trophy (highest points score overall, excluding GT's less than 15 years old).

A New Era Grand Tourer (GT) Trophy (highest points score overall, for GT's less than 15 years old).

A “Howard Marsden Memorial Trophy” (formerly “Spirit of the Nationals Trophy”) which on the decision of the Nationals Committee, will be awarded to the one entrant who has made an exceptional effort in displaying and presenting their GT.

Note: Trophies will only be given if the car's point score reaches 80% of the highest points of the day. If entry numbers for any class and model exceed 10 cars then a Third Place Trophy will be awarded. At the discretion of the Host Club, further trophies may be awarded for such things as:

- Best Paint
- Longest Distance Travelled
- Best Trim
- Best Boot
- Best Wheels and Tyres
- Hard Luck Award
- Best Engine Bay
- Sponsors Choice
- Best Undercarriage
- Best Display

For each of the above trophies there will be Classic and New Era categories at the host clubs discretion.