

FALCON GT CONCOURSE GUIDELINES

NOTE: The contents of these pages are to give concourse entrants, officials, judges or any other person involved with Falcon GT Concourse events, guidelines on 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. Concourse 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 clubs 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 four people: 1 for mechanical, 1 for body/exterior, 1 for interior/boot/wheels and tyres and 1 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 of advantage. Committee members/judges may enter their cars into judging, but shall not judge the class in which their car is entered.

2. Eligibility

2.1 Vehicle

The concourse is open to Falcon GT's originally produced by the Ford Motor Company of Australia and GT vehicles produced by Ford Performance Vehicles and Tickford (GT Class) and any other vehicle manufactured by Ford (South African Fairmont GT, Associate Class, Special Interest Vehicles).

2.2 Entrant

The concourse is open to any person with a vehicle matching the above description.

Note:

- Any entrant who wishes to participate in the Falcon GT Nationals must be a current financial member of a Falcon GT Club. Membership may be obtained on the Concourse Day.
- 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.
- A major trophy is 1st, 2nd or 3rd in each class, and overall trophies.
- Special Interest vehicles will not be eligible for trophies.

3. Model Classification

Vehicles will be judged in their respective models as defined by the identification plate affixed to the vehicle. GT and GTHO 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 AND 75% of adjusted points cutoff being attained.

Note: Points will be deducted if vehicle I.D. plate is missing from vehicle.

Models Available – 3.1) “C” Classic Era (subclasses in italics are discretionary for trophy presentation dependant on qualifying vehicle attendance).

- a) XR 18638 GT Sedan
- b) XT 18838 GT Sedan
- c) XW 18938 GT Sedan
- d) XW 18939 GTHO Sedan
 1. 1969 GTHO Sedan
 2. 1970 GTHO Sedan
- e) XY 18038/18138 GT Sedan
 1. 18138 “H” XY GTHO
- f) XA 18238 GT Sedan
 1. 18238 “H” XA GTHO
 2. 18238 “83” XA RPO
- g) XA 18218 GT Hardtop
 1. 18218 “83” XA RPO
- h) XB 18338 GT Sedan
- i) XB 18318 GT Hardtop

3.2) "M" Modern Era

a) EB/EL GT Sedan

1. *EB 18238 Option 2L "GT"*
2. *EL 18722 "GT"*

b) BA/BF/FG GT/GTP Sedan

1. *BA GT 18336 to BAII GTP 18437*
2. *BF GT 18536 to BFII GTP 18637*
3. *FG GT 18836 to FGII GTP 18937*

-Modern Era entries will be eligible for trophy class after achieving 1000km per year or 15years/15,000km

3.3) "SA" South African Fairmont GT

a) SA Fairmont GT Sedan

1. *1970 XW GT Sedan*
2. *1972 XY GT Sedan*

For South African assembled Fairmont GT's fitted with a South African identification plate, and presented in "O" original class ONLY (Falcon badged vehicles are to be entered as 3.4 "A" Associate)

3.4) "A" Associate

a) Associate Ford

1. *Associate Vehicle*
2. *Special Interest Vehicle*

-For any vehicle, other than genuine GT and GTHO's, manufactured by Ford Motor Company. Specifically for Falcon GT Club Associate Members.

-Vehicles are Unclassified so may be original, restored, modified, etc, but must be of good condition.

4. Vehicle Classification

Classes Available – 1) "O" Original (subclasses in italics are discretionary for trophy presentation dependant on qualifying vehicle attendance).

- a) *"U" Unrestored*
 - b) *"R" Restored*
 - c) *"M" Maintained*
- 2) "M" Modified (*Re-engineered*)
 - 3) "NJ" Not for Judging

4.1.a "OU" 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.

-If vehicle has any documented options missing, points will be deducted.

-"Dealer Only" Fitted options may lose points at the judge's discretion.

-Use of original or reproduction consumables may be judged favorably, at the judge's discretion.

Note: Partial reconditioning/replacement due to accidental damage/roadworthiness/severe deterioration (not covering more than 30% of each area) will not lose points.

4.1.b "OR" 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 to I.D. plate and original factory finish.

4.1.c "OM" Original Maintained

-For vehicles where the intention has been to maintain as much of the vehicles original factory condition. Acceptable maintenance would include body repainting, partial engine bay repainting, driver seat re-trimming and carpet replacement. Points will be deducted if any other areas (such as door jambs, boot, undercarriage, dash, steering-wheel, additional trim, wheels, etc) are repainted/reconditioned or replaced.

4.2 "M" Modified (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 original, must be 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 I.D. plate specifications.
- Judging will be based on engineering and vehicle presentation.

4.3 "NJ" Not for Judging

- For genuine GT and GTHO's where the entrant wishes to park with and participate in all events but not be included for silver or gold concourse judging.
- Still be eligible for non concourse (Peoples/Entrants/sponsors choice, hard luck, distance etc) awards
- Full Scrutineering is still required

5. Scrutineering

The purpose of scrutineering is:

- To authenticate a GT or GTHO's originality
- Advise the entrant of the most appropriate classification 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 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 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.

NOTE: 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 new numbers have been issued.

6. Additional Information

6.1 "Stone Chips"

- Any vehicle travelling over 150 Kms to the event which incurs minor stone chips or accidental damage to the exterior or undercarriage 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).

6.2 "Spare Wheel"

- The spare wheel rim must be of the same type and size of those fitted to vehicle (Phase III with Bathurst mags – 5slot O.K.) and is in good condition.

6.3 "Decals"

- Points shall be lost for use of stickers, badges, signwriting, etc, on vehicle other than original factory decals, original dealer, club, burgler alarm, registration, service stickers.

6.4 "Reproduction Parts"

- Parts used in place of original items must be of same design and material, points may be lost, at the judge's discretion.

6.5 "Engines"

- No points shall be lost or gained for internal engine modifications (e.g. PHIII camshaft, roller rockers, aftermarket parts, etc.) due to the difficulty of ascertaining such modifications.

6.6 "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.

6.7 "Penalties"

- Points will be deducted for oil/water leaks found in any area at 5points per area.

7. Judging

7.1 Original (Restored/Unrestored/Maintained)

“Preliminary Judging” will take place as the cars are scrutineered, and will be on the “category” point system – e.g. poor, average, good, very good, and excellent. A percentage of the top scoring cars shall 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.

7.2 Modified

The judging for this class shall be on a basic point score based on general condition and presentation.

7.3 Silver Award Judging

All eligible classed vehicles (those not in A - Associate or NJ - Not for Judging) that pass scrutineering and achieve an overall category score of good or very good will be classified as silver award achievement.

7.4 Gold Award Judging

All eligible classed vehicles (those not in A - Associate or NJ - Not for Judging) that pass scrutineering and achieve an overall category score of excellent will be classified as gold award achievement.

Vehicles presented for judging must be fully accessible (doors unlocked, boot and bonnet open) until completion of the concourse, as set out by the host club or the vehicle may be ineligible for an award or trophy.

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 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

- 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 head judge will be done in consultation with all other category judges.

-Judges/Concourse Committee decision is final in all cases and no further correspondence will be entered into.

10. Disqualification

-The concourse committee or judges may refuse entry or disqualify any entrant from having their vehicle judged or from the event, on the grounds of false, misleading or incorrect information, poor standard of entry, gross lack of preparation, or irresponsible conduct or behavior by the entrant. The concourse committee director may inform the entrant of the reason on the day.

Entry fee shall be forfeited.

11. Score Sheet

- 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, within 3 months and beyond 30 days after the event.

12. Trophies

- Trophies will be awarded to First Place and Runner-up for each model from each class where the adjusted score sheet cutoff has been attained. Sub-models and sub-classes will be awarded on qualification.

-“O” Original by Model & sub-Model Classifications.

-“M” Modified – by Model Classification.

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

- An Entrants Choice Trophy will be awarded; each entrant will be provided with a numbered voting slip with which they can nominate any vehicle, other than their own.

- A **Grand Tourer Classic Era Trophy** (highest point score overall for Falcon GT’s pre 1980)

- A **Grand Tourer Modern Era Trophy** (highest point score overall for Falcon GT’s post 1980)

- The “**Howard Marsden Memorial Trophy**” will be awarded to the entrant who has shown the “spirit of the nationals” during their attendance. The entrant’s enthusiasm, involvement, contribution, and dedication to the preservation of the Falcon GT will be considered by the host club when deciding the recipient of this award.

Note: Trophies will only be given if the car’s adjusted point’s score reaches 75% of the score sheet total.

Third place trophies may be awarded in all classes, at the discretion of the Chief Judge and achievement .of score sheet cutoff.

The chief judge with the concourse committee will apply an adjustment factor (percentage up and down) to each model judge scoresheet totals in order to provide a consistent result across model judging.

At the discretion of the host club further trophies may be awarded in both the Classic and Modern Era categories for such things as –

- Best Paint
- Best Trim
- Best Wheels & Tyres
- Best Engine Bay
- Best Undercarriage
- Longest distance Traveled
- Best Boot
- Hard Luck Award
- Sponsors choice
- Best Display