

From: Hal Kritzman, Chairman, JCNA Judge’s Concours Rules Committee (JCRC)

1. Members of the Jaguar Concours Rules Committee (JCRC)

Hal Kritzman, coinman1@cox.net, JCNA Chief Judge and Chair, Jaguar Concours Rules Committee (JCRC)

	<u>Term Ends</u>
NE Representative: Robert Silvestri, Jaguar Club of Southern New England	May 1, 2025
NC Representative: Mike Korneli, Wisconsin Jaguars Ltd.	May 1, 2025
NW Representative: Vito Donatiello, Canadian XK Jaguar Register	May 1, 2025
SE Representative: Craig Kerins, South Florida Jaguar Club	April 30, 2026
SC Representative: Rufus Cobern, Jaguar Club of Austin	April 30, 2026
SW Representative: Pete Rieth, San Diego Jaguar Club	April 30, 2026

Non-Regional Consultants “Emeritus”: Dick Cavicke, George Camp and Mike Mueller
Technical Writer and Rule Books Editor: Steve Kennedy

2. Continuation of the Group:

I am happy to report that all the current and earlier members of the JCRC have agreed to continue on for the remainder of their 2-year terms (1 more year), or to be renewed for a new 2-year term.

3. JCRC: Activity Report

a: Rule Book Administrative Changes, Clarifications, Rewrites and Additions

Immediately following the 2023 AGM, JCRC members and Steve Kennedy began work on completing the 2024 Rule Books. First, all the new rules passed at the 2023 AGM were incorporated into the 2024 Editions and then the more difficult task of a complete, page-by-page review of the wording of existing rules and protocols, and their placements within each chapter was undertaken by Steve Kennedy and me, with inputs from the other members of the JCRC, and from Jim Sambold (JCC). Clarifying the language of a rule and keeping each such existing rule that is used in several different chapters consistent in its meaning proved to be far more difficult and time consuming than we could have expected. The task required many rewrites of critical sections of the Rule Books, as suggestions for alternate word changes, or their placements were received from those asked to review our work in progress. An important aim of all this arduous work was to successfully remove several perceived ambiguities that may have contributed to instances of rule or protocol infractions that were found to have occurred during the last Concours season.

The “spirit” of a rule or protocol cannot be left to personal interpretation but must be as precise as possible in its meaning and directive. We have tried to achieve that level of precision wherever we have found it necessary. As much as we have presently achieved for 2024, we consider our administrative changes to be a work in progress, especially with the incorporation of several new rules proposed for 2025, and how they will affect the wording or execution of existing rules.

b: Important Rules Changes Proposed for the 2025 Concours Season Concerning Tires

The JCRC received a Rules Change request from a JCNA member who competes in Champion Division with an XK 150. He wanted the rule which deducts for radial constructed tires as being non-authentic on such XK models to be removed. He used safety issues in his argument and drew a comparison to the pass we give to federally mandated safety belts that were not an original factory issue. The vote of the JCRC and its consultants was unanimous in rejecting this rule change. Radial constructed tires will remain a deductible, non-authentic part on such models.

However, the safety argument did find support among the majority of the JCRC when they are used by “Driven” division entrants, on early XK models since, unlike today’s Champion Division, early XK’s, they do (or should) see considerably more highway use. There is a rule change allowing this tire choice proposed for 2025.

The second rule change concerns the choice of white or black sidewalls. It is proposed for the 2025 Concours Season that there no longer be a deduction for an Entrant’s choice of either a white or black sidewall tire provided they are period correct and are in keeping with the vintage of the Jaguar, and where there is verifiable, dated photographic or factory advertising material available showing white wall tires in use, but not necessarily an available parts list number at that corresponding time from a Jaguar Factory source.

CR-4B

c: Concerns About Current and Future EV Jaguar Models

The JCRC is also concerned with the need to include improved judging rules and protocols for the judging of EV motor powered vehicles produced currently or proposed to debut in the future by Jaguar. The Jaguar Factory has also announced it will be producing an electric conversion Series 1 E-type, at a selling price in the neighborhood of \$300,00, that it claims will be fully reversible, back to be as original should the owner wish at some time to do so! Is such a "restomod", EV E-type still to be considered a "classic" Jaguar model since the conversion work is done at the Jaguar factory?

If we still consider it a "classic" Jaguar, it will require us to create a new class for it and special rules for judging such creations.

d: Concerns About the Current Methods of Determining North American Champion Awards

There is an increasing concern by many members of JCNA about whether the long-established method still being used by which an Entrant must compete in three concours to qualify for consideration for a North American Champion Award each year should continue. Providing a truly "equal playing field" throughout all the JCNA member clubs that have Concours has been a primary JCRC goal since its start.

After many years of trying with improved Rule Books each year, adding added models to our list of Judging Guides and very dedicated overseeing by the JCC, it is not yet a reality and may not be truly attainable.

As some clubs find holding a club concours to be too difficult, a dedicated North American Championship Event, such as an IJF type Biennial, could replace the three Concours average as the method of deciding a Championship Award. Regional Championships could remain as they are determined now with awards each year.

e: On-line Judge's School Video and Certified Judge's Test

Some clubs have complained about Judge's School attendance requirements to be too restrictive. In an attempt to alleviate time and distance concerns for Judge's Schools, an online Judge's School Presentation and a downloadable Certified Judge's Test for clubs to utilize, are now available on the web site. Chief Judges will find them useful when full attendance at the Judge's School by members of a club's judges pool is not possible or practical.

The ability to have an online Certified Judge's School and a new rule change for 2025 to require the annual Judge's Test to be taken and passed each year of a Certified Judge's term of certification will, hopefully, result in creating a more properly informed judge with a better understanding of all the new JCNA judging rules, protocols and procedures.