

Proposal to Amend Slalom Car Classifications for 2023

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Need for Realignment of Slalom Car Classifications

The intent of the slalom car classification scheme is to provide fair comparisons of performance among drivers of broadly similar cars rather than to have a single ranking of performance among all cars. Defining slalom classes too broadly risks providing a build-in advantage to certain cars within a class – “Of course *those models* always win!” Defining slalom classes too narrowly risks fragmenting the overall slalom program into a multitude of “winners” without a meaningful sense of competition – “Just show up and claim 1st or 2nd prize!” So much for theory.

In practice, the JCNA slalom classifications have, over the years, been revised with new classes added, old classes dropped and other classes realigned as a result of new features produced by Jaguar Cars, older models aging out, and basically the shift in numbers of Jaguar models appearing at the slalom events. The JCNA Slalom Committee proposes here a further realignments of car classifications, taking into consideration some practical compromises.

Proposed Changes in Slalom Car Classifications

Change 1: *Combine all stock E-Types into a single class (E).* The number of slalom registrations for V-12 E-Types has dwindled slowly but steadily downward over the past 10 years. Just two competed in 2019 and in 2021. Also, the distinction among E-Types in number of cylinders or displacement is not a distinction considered in other classes such as F, J, L, M, or N. In addition, weights of the 6-cylinder and 12 cylinder models are broadly similar.

Change 2: *In Class K, delete S-Type.* The S-Type was marketed as an “Executive Car,” not a GT model. Move non-supercharged S-Type to Class M.

Change 3: *In Class L, add newer XE and XF to represent the supercharged models.* Class L includes both 2-door and 4-door models. Slalom Stewards must take care to record accurately the engine specs of the models at their events.

Change 4: *In Class M, specify more clearly the drive train as 2-wheel drive and not supercharged.* Class M includes models without AWD or supercharging whose collective

Proposed JCNA Slalom Classes for 2023

Slalom Classes

- A. Classics – includes all Jaguars thru MK V.
- B. All XKs (120, 140, 150, but NOT including C & D types).
- C. Early Sedans, large & small, MK-1 thru MK 10. (NOT including, Series 1 XJ6).
- D. (omitted)
- E. E-Types, 6 and 12 Cylinders.
- F. XJ Sedans Series 1, 2 & 3, (6 & 12 Cylinders).
- G. (omitted).
- H. Modified Class – Lightweight Jaguar sports cars (All 120, 140, 150, C, D, XKSS, and E-Types); Concours-eligible Replicars.
- I. Modified Class - Heavyweight Jaguars (Sedans, XJS, SUV's, GT's).
- J. XJS (including XJS-R and XJSC).
- K. Two-wheel drive not supercharged* GT cars (XK, XK8).
- L. Two-wheel drive supercharged* GT and sedans (XKR, XKR s, XJR, S-Type R, XE, XF)
- M. Four door sedans, Two-wheel drive, not supercharged* (XJ 1987 & onward, XE, XF, S-Type)
- N. All **AWD** cars, (X-Type, F-Pace, E-Pace, XE, and XF with OR without supercharger*); F-TYPE excluded.
- O. All Electric Drive models.
- P. (omitted).
- Q. (omitted).
- R. F-TYPE (all models).
- SP/L** Street Prepared – Lightweight: All 120,140, 150 and E-Types.
- SP/H** Street Prepared – Heavyweight: All 6, 8, and 12 Cylinder Sedans & GT's.
- Z** All cars not Jaguar-powered.

* Supercharged refers also to turbocharged.

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production era spans a period of 34 years (as of this revision) dating from the 1986 XJ40's to recent XJ, XF and XE models.

Change 5: *In Class N, add XE and XF to represent the AWD variants.* More recent model Jaguars include options for engine size, normal aspiration or super/turbocharging, and 2-wheel or all-wheel drive. Furthermore, factory options include cars with both AWD and supercharging, and those combinations are available with different engine sizes. Producing classes for each combination of these features would be unwieldy. A similar problem with the F-TYPE variants was resolved earlier by grouping all F-TYPES into a single class regardless of engine size, aspiration or drive-line.

The Slalom Committee approached the wide variations among Class L, M and N cars by prioritizing AWD as a more important determinant of slalom performance than the aspiration design. Thus, all AWD cars were grouped into Class N for both supercharged and non-supercharged models. Among 2-wheel drive cars, the supercharged variants (e.g. XF, XE) go to Class L while the non-supercharged go to Class M. Slalom stewards must take care to record these distinctions accurately.

Change 6: *Add Class O for all electric drive models.*

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