

CR-4A Concours Committee Report, Jim Sambold

2024 Concours Program Status Wrap Report
JCNA Concours Committee
Prepared for the 2025 JCNA Annual General Meeting
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To: JCNA Board & 2025 AGM
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January

From: Jim Sambold, Chairman, JCNA Concours Committee -JCC
RE: 2024 Concours Program Report

Current JCC Membership:

NE Region:	Jim Sambold – Chairman	
NW Region:	Les Garbutt	Canadian XK Register
NC Region:	Paul Cusato	Jaguar Club of Ohio
SC Region:	Jeff Snyder	Jaguar Club of Austin
SE Region:	Dave Kirkman	North Georgia Jaguar Club
JCRC	Hal Kritzman	Jaguar Club of Southern Connecticut

The 2024 JCNA Concours season records a total of 33 Concours. The 2024 IJF was cancelled.

The most prevalent issues that continue to remain, in no particular order of significance:

- 1.) Training and certification events for currency continue to lag existing standard requirements.
- 2.) Proper recording on the JCNA website for testing and training.
- 3.) Holding Judges' Training sessions less than two weeks before the date of the event.
- 4.) Declaring Judges' Training session held the day before the event.
- 5.) Lack of organized entry of event results for both entrants and Judging Teams.
- 6.) Lack of due diligence by the host club Chief Judge confirming supporting club's Judges for currency in training and testing before the date of the relevant Concours.
- 7.) Late Membership payments/renewals from clubs to JCNA affecting Judges' names appearing on the JCNA Judging database.
- 8.) Timely posting of Class results and Judging assignments. Some clubs 70-90 days or later after the event date. One event was 120+ late past date of the event.
- 9.) Some Chief Judges still have difficulty understanding the 3-year Testing rule. 2024 was the last year for the 3-year rule as 2025 Annual Mandatory testing takes effect.
- 10.) Chief Judges not understanding the criteria for an Apprentice judge to be assigned and an Apprentice being allowed to proceed as an individual Component Judge on their own.
- 11.) Use of incorrect JCNA numbers when the Judge is a member of 2 different clubs.

- 12.)Judges listed for class assignments with no entrants in class.
- 13.)Entrants listed but no Judges listed for Class.
- 14.)Apprentice Judge not listed on the JCNA Website.
- 15.)Too many or too few Judges posted for class assignments on the Results page.
- 16.)Late or No notice to JCNA JCC Chair events results are ready for review.
- 17.) Clubs duplicate the previous calendar year event posting for Concours as a new year Concours event, thereby deleting the previous year's official results.
- 18.) Clubs not notifying JCNA Concours Committee if and when an existing sanctioned Concours changes dates and venue for retention of sanction.
- 19.) Incorrect scores numbers entered: i.e. X.XX for Championship Class or vice versa XX.XXX for Driven Class.
- 20.) Judges listed without Class Entries or Class Entries listed without Judges Listed.
- 21.) Delayed Club response to reported event result posting issues for Official status.
- 22.) Multiple vehicles same ownership in same class same JCNA number.

Here are the issues by Region:

Northeast:

3 Clubs were affected by one or more of the following issues:

- 1.) Too Many or too few Judges posted for Class assignments.
- 2.) Judges listed with No Entrants and Entrants listed with No Judges.
- 3.) Late notice to JCNA JCC.

North Central:

6 Clubs were affected by one or more of the following issues:

- 1.) Judges listed with No Entrants and Entrants listed with No Judges.
- 2.) Judges' Testing listed but no Training listed.
- 3.) Classes Listed with Entrants but no Judges for Classes.
- 4.) Late notice to JCNA JCC.

Northwest:

2 Clubs were affected by one or more of the following issues:

- 1.) Too Many or too few Judges posted for Class assignments.
- 2.) Judges listed with No Entrants and Entrants listed with No Judges.
- 3.) Segmented Results posting.
- 4.) Late notice to JCNA JCC.

Southeast:

4 clubs were affected by one or more of the following issues:

- 1.) Incorrect number of required judges.
- 2.) Judge not listed in Training and Testing on the JCNA website.
- 3.) Judges listed with No Entrants and Entrants listed with No Judges.
- 4.) Wrong JCNA Number.
- 5.) Late notice to JCNA JCC.

South Central:

3 clubs were affected by one or more of the following issues:

- 1.) Judges listed with No Entrants and Entrants listed with No Judges.
- 2.) Wrong JCNA Number.
- 3.) Apprentice Judge listed as Full Component Judge.
- 4.) Late notice to JCNA JCC.

Southwest:

6 clubs were affected by one or more of the following issues:

- 1.) Judges listed with No Entrants and Entrants listed with No Judges.
- 2.) Wrong number of Judges assigned to a class.
- 3.) Late posting of event results.
- 4.) 1 event fully nullified.
- 5.) Late notice to JCNA JCC.

Major Penalty Decisions:

Two entire Concours Events for the 2024 season were in extreme violation of the Concours Judging Rule book. The JCNA Executive Board was notified of the infractions and convened for review and disciplinary action. Entrants scores were allowed to stand, but the respective clubs were admonished and required to refund Concours Entrant fees plus any additional financial sanctions as appropriate.

Final Notes:

The 2024 Concours competition season continued with hinderances of the same issues as previous years. The issues were due to the Chief Judges not following the rules and completing their responsibilities increased to 62% and the remaining 38% were at the Component Judge level for not following the rules. Despite the best efforts of the JCRC Rules Committee to keep testing and training to an acceptable level, some long-term certified Judges are still not as familiar with the rule book and process as they should be. The time between testing dates continued to increase with more than 65% of certified Judges being on their last year under the 3-year rule. Several Chief Judges continue to attempt using the briefing the day of the Concours or the day before to suffice for the Annual Training session or holding the Training School session inside 30 days or less from the Concours event date and or incorrect understanding of the 3-year (Test Year + 2) Testing requirements. The 3-year rule will no longer be applicable for Testing as of January 1, 2025 per vote of the 2024 AGM rule change for 2025 Competition season.

Here are the review statistics for the 2024 Concours Competition season:

- 1.) 57% of the registered clubs have a Concours event – decrease of 5% from previous year.
- 2.) 24.3% of the club events required only one review session for the posted results. Increase of 5% from previous year.
- 3.) 31% of the club events required two review sessions for the posted results. Decrease of 5% from previous year.
- 4.) 12% of the club events required three review sessions for the posted results. Decrease of 52% from previous year.
- 5.) 27.2% of the club events required 4 or more review sessions for the posted results. Increase of 13.2% from previous year.
- 6.) 6% of the club events had their event disqualified.

The 2024 JCNA Concours Competition season closed out on 01/05/2024 due to late notifications from member clubs and time required for review by the Executive Board of the two clubs in violation of multiple Judging rules during the Concours Event.

The current training program with its variable testing criteria continues to be pushed to and outside the limits of the rules as voted for and approved by the membership body. The lackadaisical approach and personal interpretation are not working as can be seen with the number and types of issues that are present throughout a majority of the clubs along with a higher percentage of issues due to Chief Judges.

Online Judge's testing is continuing to gain a small amount of traction with several regions due to the new mandatory annual testing requirement starting January 1, 2025, combined with regional and group club training events in some regions.

Plans are in development for Regional Judge's training utilizing electronic meeting media so that all six regions will have access to the class at some point during each competition year.

JCNA Concours Committee held discussion via email on Concours Committee Mission statement with limited engagement.

JCNA Concours Committee meeting on 1/13/202 via Zoom.

Review and discuss Rule Changes previously submitted to members via email for the 2025 AGM.

Reviewed the 2024 Concours Competition season.

Protest Reviews.

Restorers as Judges.

The Committee has reviewed the proposed administrative updates for the 2025 Judging Guide and Rule Changes for the 2026 Concours season and agreed with the JCRC Committee.

The Creation of an Instruction Guide sheet for Scrutineer Responsibilities and Pre-Concours Judges' meeting has been completed and sent out to all RD's for forward to club presidents and Chief Judges. The Instruction sheet will become Appendix J in the 2025 Judge's Manual and has also been added to the website for download.

A second revision of the Scrutineer Responsibilities and Pre-Concours Judges' meeting has been sent out to all RDs for forward to club presidents and Chief Judges.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Sambold

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