

CR-4B Jaguar Concours Rules Committee, Hal Kritzman

Date: February 12, 2025
Spring 2025 Annual AGM Report to the JCNA Board of Directors

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: Jeff Snyder, 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, as of this time, all the current and previous 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 2024 AGM, JCRC members and Steve Kennedy began work on completing the 2025 Rule Books. First, all the new rules passed at the 2024 AGM were incorporated into the 2025 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 as was done the year before 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 utilized in several different chapters consistent in its meaning. This task has proven to be one that continues to be a challenge. The task required a few 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 is to remove successfully any perceived ambiguities that may have contributed to instances of rule or protocol infractions that were found to have occurred in past Concours seasons.

It must be emphatically emphasized that 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 2025, we consider our administrative changes to be a work in progress, especially with the incorporation of several new rules proposed for 2026, and how they will affect the wording or execution of existing rules.

b: Important Rules Changes or Clarifications in effect for the 2025 Concours Season

There is now a rule change which concerns the choice of white or black sidewalls. Now in effect for the 2025 Concours Season there will not 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.

An important clarification was made to the definitions of what removed items or modifications are acceptable for eligibility toward the minimum 40 non-authentic points required to enter into S2 Special Class competition.

A full 2025 Rule Book Synopsis has been compiled by Steve Kennedy and is available to the membership for download and review from the JCNA Website well in advance of the AGM for review.

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 currently proposed to debut in the future as a new "breed" of Jaguar.?

If we are to still consider such an advanced, all EV future Jaguar to be a "classic" Jaguar, it would 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 utilized 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 inception.

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

As some clubs find holding a club concours to be too difficult, I still maintain that a dedicated North American Championship Event, such as an IJF type Biennial, could replace the three Concours average as the method of determining 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 now in effect 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.