

# **NATIONAL BUICK MEET VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION**

## **BCA National Meet Judge**

**SUPERVISOR:** National Meet Chief Judge

**GOAL:** Accurately assess each vehicle per the Formal Judging Form and the criteria listed in the Judging Manual .

**TIME:** Friday Judges Training, Time TBD; Saturday Breakfast and Judging, 7AM-12PM

**PHYSICAL EXERTION:** Walking, Standing, Bending

**DUTIES:**

- Attend the Judges Training on Friday lasting 2 hours
- Attend the Judges Breakfast at 7AM Saturday morning to receive Team assignment
- Arrive at the specified room on time.
- Do not plan on completing your assignment before noon, though it is likely. You must be part of the Team until your Team Captain has completed all tallies and is ready to submit the judging to the Judging Clerks.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Candidate must be a current National member of the BCA.
2. Candidate must be committed to being unbiased, honest and open minded.
3. Candidate must exhibit a desire to learn and critically evaluate new evidence as exhibited or presented.
4. Candidate must demonstrate willingness and effort to become expert and knowledgeable in the area to be judged.
5. Candidate must be courteous and considerate of owners and team members, even if provoked.
6. Candidates will find it particularly helpful to have personally restored a vehicle prior to judging others, though this is not a requirement. There is no superior means for the development of empathy, consideration and respect, as well as a keen eye for detail.
7. Candidate must attend judging school to become more skillful, knowledgeable and be willing to accept instruction from and give it to others.

8. Candidate must recognize, that to the owner, being judged is serious business. The owner expects and should receive no less than honest, candid and knowledgeable criticism, courteously and diplomatically communicated.

#### PROCEDURE TO BECOME A JUDGE

If a candidate feels qualified to be a national judge, he or she should contact the Meet Judge through the host chapter not later than 30 days prior to the meet. Information to be included in this application should include:

1. Past judging experience, including the number of times he/she has judged at national events, number of times he/she has judged at BCA National Meets, number of judging schools attended and a phone number for contact by the head judge if needed.
2. Judging class requested, with alternate choice.
3. Class, if any, in which the car of the candidate, his family or another whose car the candidate would find difficult to judge impartially has been entered for judging.
4. Area or classes of particular expertise.
5. Preference, if any, for Judging Administration.

Judging schools will be held on the day prior to the meet. Candidates should attend the judging school. If more than one training session is offered, a candidate should inform the Head Judge of the session to be attended. Candidates who have not previously judged at a National Meet may be assigned apprentice or clerk responsibilities. In this capacity, the candidate will learn judging principles and procedures while participating in practical judging experience in an advisory capacity. Candidates who have not sent an application form to the Head Judge 30 days prior to the meet must contact the Head Judge prior to the Judges School for permission to attend the breakfast and receive an assignment. Judges must attend the Judges Breakfast and complete the commitment to judge. If the candidate will be unable to do either, the Head Judge should be contacted as early as possible so that those responsibilities may be reassigned. It is an imposition to fail to meet your judging commitment without prior notification. Judges are awarded Experience Recognition Awards for their participation in the judging program.

#### ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL MEET JUDGES

##### 1. Duties and Responsibilities of the Team Judge

The team judge must observe everything in the category of his or her responsibility, evaluate the observation against the standard of factory authenticity, workmanship and maintenance and faithfully and impartially report any discrepancies found. It is of utmost importance that each judge's task be performed correctly and knowledgeably, as both the reputation and validity of BCA judging and the standards set by

successful vehicles and the support of owner registrant members, are at stake. The epithet “tough but fair” should be applied to the team judge.

Team judges must:

- a. Attend the Judging School preceding the meet.
- b. Judges must attend the Judges Breakfast on the day of the meet.
- c. Arrive at your predetermined location on the judging field promptly at the designated time and place.
- d. Receive your category assignment and Individual Category Work sheet from the Team Captain.
- e. Receive your instructions for the day from the Team Captain.
- f. Judge quietly and in the utmost businesslike manner.
- g. Direct any and all questions to the Team Captain. Do not engage in conversation with the owner of the car being judged.
- h. Deliver the results of your judging to the Team Captain for entry on the judging form before moving to the next car. Be sure this transfer of point totals, comments, and discussion takes place out of earshot of the owner or other interested spectators.
- i. Correctly and completely fill out the Judges Participation Card and present it to the Team Captain at the completion of judging.

## 2. Duties and Responsibilities of the Team Captain

The Team Captain is responsible for on-field conduct of BCA judging policy. The Team Captain is also responsible for the preservation and augmentation of good relations between BCA judging and the BCA member-owners. This position is therefore one of greatest importance to the success of the judging process. The Team Captain is the leader of the judging team and serves as liaison between that team and both the owner of each car judged and the judging system as represented by the BCA, the Judging Officials and this manual. He/she is responsible for ensuring that all judging activities are carried out in a fair, courteous and impartial fashion and is to lead, instruct, and guide the members of the team to that end result.

The Team Captain will arrive on the field prior to the designated time. Initially inventory all vehicles in your class to see that they are correctly placed on the field. Check all cars against the roster. Notify your Deputy of any differences, and instruct owners if they must move.

The Team Captain shall obtain from the owner the completed judging form, check the correctness, completeness and legibility of the information provided and make additions and corrections as required. He will then:

- a. Assign each team member to a responsibility in one of the four categories of judging; exterior, interior, chassis or engine.
- b. Give assistance to any team member as required

