

**NB3e. Requiring a phased increase in the number of Certified Judges on each concours Judging Team; in 2014 and onward, all JCNA Concours Judges must be certified.**

**Background**

Over the past several years, measures have been taken to improve the quality and standardization of JCNA Concours judging; rules have been clarified, Judging Guides published and Judge training emphasized. Many clubs have conscientiously trained and certified many of their members, thereby allowing their concours' to be judged by a high percentage of, if not all, certified Judges. This ideal level of trained Judges will doubtlessly deliver a more accurately judged event than one conducted by a club employing only the minimum number of trained or certified Judges.

**Problem**

JCNA Concours judging can not reach the level of standardization required to make the annual competition more meaningful unless the persons doing the judging:

- are very familiar with the rules,
- have undergone the prescribed training and testing
- have demonstrated proper scoring and application of the rules during the judging process and
- have reasonable, or better, familiarity with the vehicles in the class they are assigned to judge

The current rules require only one Certified Judge per judging team. As the concours program has evolved, allowing each judging team to have only a single certified Judge is now considered inadequate to achieve the quality of judging desired.

**Proposed Action**

As a further step to improve the standardization and quality of JCNA concours Judging, beginning in 2013, Driven Division will still require only one Certified Judge per Judging Team, but Champion and Special Divisions will require two Certified Judges per Judging Team.

Beginning in 2014 and onward, all JCNA Concours Judges, in all concours divisions, must have current certification.

Appropriate sections of the Rule Book will be changed reflect this requirement.