

Graded COD Guidelines

This document is designed to provide a brief explanation of the minimum requirements for the 3 different grades of COD – qualified, standard and gold. This document is a GUIDE ONLY as each car will be treated on an individual basis and the criteria detailed below may be subject to change.

Minimum requirements for a Gold COD

This level of certification is not designed to accredit cars restored to concourse-like condition, but to recognise totally original cars with a full line of history and period correct mechanical specification and livery. It is anticipated that this certification will apply to a relatively small number of cars, and if your car does not comply with all of the requirements listed below, then it is unlikely to qualify.

- The vehicle must have unquestionable provenance and fully detailed history of prior ownership, with no gaps or unsubstantiated entries.
- The type of proof required will include original logbooks, or in the case of International cars, documentation from the relevant sanctioning body attesting to the car's competition history, photos from the period with proven dates, copies of programs, entry lists, race results, etc.
- Where the car has not retained its current specification throughout its competition life it is essential that the supporting information depicts the transition of the car from the start of its competition life to the year it now represents, covering the complete history of ownership, competition history, specification changes, and livery changes.
- The vehicle's mechanical specification must be totally original for the year that the car is nominated to represent.
- The livery/signage/decals must all be as per period photographs from the year that the car is nominated to represent.
- The vehicle must still possess its original chassis/tub/frame/bodyshell, and in the case of cars with hand-made aluminium bodywork, the original panels must be largely intact.
- Changes in specification as may be required to meet current mandatory safety requirements will be accepted.

Minimum requirements for a Standard COD

This level of certification will apply to the majority of historic race cars, and all cars that currently possess a CoD. The vehicle will be required to meet all of the above criteria, but with the exception of the following

- The vehicle may have a replacement chassis/tub/frame/bodyshell.
- In the case of racing and sports cars, the body colour of the vehicle may be different to that employed in the period, but other than for driver's name and club affiliation, no other signage/decals are allowed.
- In the case of Historic Touring cars, production sports cars with a history (Group T) and Sports Sedans (Group U) the cars may only be presented in their original livery, except that signage may be removed but not added, OR the vehicle may be presented in plain white.
- In the case of cars with hand-made aluminium, steel or fibreglass bodywork, this may be replaced with new panels, but the replacement panels must be of the same material as the originals, unless expressly approved by the relevant eligibility committee.
- Substitute components for those that are either unavailable, or available only at a prohibitive cost, will be allowed, but only as approved by the relevant eligibility committee.

Minimum requirements for a Qualified COD

This level of certification will apply to two broad classes of vehicles –

- Those that do not have a period competition history but still require detailed documentation to ensure that they remain in their correct mechanical specification – this includes special-built vehicles classified in Groups Jb, Kb, Lc and Group T (competition variants), and
- Those that conform with the above criteria, except that a full line of history is currently unproven. Production numbers and original owners of most production racing and sports cars are well documented and marque specialists are able to attest to the originality of the majority of vehicles submitted for certification. However, owners are encouraged to continue to seek the missing pieces of information, which once proven will allow the vehicle's status to be upgraded to Standard and even Gold Certification.

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