

# THE FE-FC HOLDEN CAR CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA

## CONSTITUTION AND RULES GOVERNING

### THE FE-FC HOLDEN NATIONALS

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### 1. Introduction

The FE-FC Holden Nationals are held every second year, over the Easter long weekend. The location changes with each event, as each state takes alternate turns to play host to the “Nats”. The inaugural event was staged in Ballarat in 1988 as part of a S.A. FE-FC Club weekend run. It was held on the Sunday only by the Victorian Club and was such a success that plans were made for the next Nationals straightaway. It was decided that the event would not clash with the Street Machine Nats held in Canberra, and that it should be held once every two years, so N.S.W. volunteered to host the second Nationals in 1989 at Wagga Wagga.

After the Wagga Nats, South Australia volunteered to plan what was becoming the Mecca for FE and FC owners all over Australia in 1991. During the third Nationals the introduction of Nationals Delegates was initiated as well as the formation of some ground rules for Nationals organization. 1991 also saw the first delegates meeting at the Bendigo swap meet to propose and pass more guidelines and introduce this constitution and rulebook.

Hosting of the Nationals follows a rotation of states according to the pattern already established, unless otherwise agreed or a new club or clubs initiated and volunteer to host an event themselves with the other three clubs’ approval.

The event takes place from Good Friday until Easter Sunday, although entrants may arrive and leave before or after these times.

## **2. Eligibility of Entrants**

- A. Entry to the FE-FC Holden Nationals is open to current and financial members of the FE-FC Holden Car Clubs of Australia; to wit, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia.
- B. There is provision for members of other clubs to be invited to attend. An FE-FC Holden Car Club may invite members of any clubs who cater for other models of cars as well as FE and FC Holdens on the proviso that:
  - a) Only members with an FE or FC Holden are eligible.
  - b) A letter advising invitation is sent to the Nationals Committee of the host state six months prior to the event.
  - c) Entrants agree to abide by this constitution and rule book, and to come under the jurisdiction of their inviting club.
- C. Any club wishing to put themselves forward for nomination to the FE-FC Holden Nationals can do so by writing to the FE-FC Holden Car club in their state or to the event director. Acceptance will be by vote of the FE-FC Holden Car Clubs.
- D. There is no qualifying period set down by the Nationals Committee for entry to the FE-FC Holden Nationals, however, to be judged, entry must be received by the host state by the 31<sup>st</sup> of January of the year of the event.
- E. Most entry fees, accommodation and other deposits will be required in advance, for catering purposes. The Nationals Co-ordinator for each state will have available breakdowns of costs for accommodation et cetera, and final dates when monies are required.
- F. All applications for entry must be lodged with the Nationals Co-ordinator for the state. Invited clubs must lodge forms with their inviting state.

## **3. Eligibility of Vehicles**

- A. The vehicle entered must be an FE or an FC Holden.
- B. The event is open to all body styles, that is: Sedan, Station Sedan, Panel Van or Utility.
- C. The vehicle entered must be recognised by the individual club as the member's car, according to its constitution.
- D. The vehicle must have current legitimate road registration (ie. It must have the correct engine number on the registration papers) and insurance, according to its

home state's requirements. Third party property insurance is also desirable. It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that its entrants' cars meet this requirement.

- E. The vehicle must be prepared in such a manner that is conducive for presentation to the general public, ie. Bald tyres, large rust holes, major dents and missing or unsafe parts should be avoided. The scrutineering committee reserves the right to expel any vehicle from all vehicle events should they feel the entrant has not met these requirements.

#### **4. Rules of Conduct**

Any misbehavior by entrants during the FE-FC Holden Nationals is a reflection upon the Car Club movement in general, and so these rules refer to all entrants and members, be they from the FE-FC Holden Car Clubs, or from invited clubs.

- A. All complaints of misconduct shall be brought immediately to the attention of the event director.
- B. The director shall, if he/she deems action is required, contact the Nationals delegates for the club involved and request a reprimand be given to the offending person(s).
- C. The nationals delegates shall then appeal to the offender(s) to control their behaviour to that expected by the organising body, and the public in general.
- D. [Continuation of Misconduct] The delegates and the event director and his committee shall call a special meeting of the offending club. The event director (or delegate) shall make all members of that club aware of the continual misconduct by their member(s), and of their responsibilities and conditions of inclusion in the Nationals. The members of the club will be asked to control their offending member(s) as any further non-compliance to the rules of entry, or recurrence of misconduct will be dealt with severely, by eviction or police intervention, with the support of the host state. Further misconduct may disqualify the offending club from attending any further Nationals.

#### **5. Requirements of the Host State**

- A. The host state is required to organise sufficient accommodation for all attendees, as well as grounds for staging the show and shine and judging of vehicles.
- B. Notification of all arrangements and itineraries are to be forwarded to the Nationals coordinators from each state in sufficient time to allow each state to make arrangements for travel to the host town, et cetera.

- C. Members of the host state may arrange to meet members of convoys from interstate to facilitate ease of entry to the Nationals site.
- D. The Nationals director must be available to the delegates of the Nationals committee at all times, for resolution of any disputes as to infractions of the rules of conduct, or other matters that may be within his/her purview.
- E. The host state must provide trophies as laid down in section 9.
- F. The host state may charge an entrance fee to the Nationals in order to offset operating costs, but must NOT be a money raising venture. If a profit is made, it may be handed on to the club holding the next Nationals. Any fees so imposed, however, must be included with the earliest itinerary, and requirements for deposits.
- G. All cruises shall be conducted on sealed roads.

## **6. Scrutineering**

All vehicles will be scrutineered at some time prior to the static display. Ideally each club when submitting entry forms on behalf of their members will check the class being entered. Vehicles entering Stock Class should be close to factory specification, and deviations from stock must be in keeping with the theme of the vehicle. For example, where a part or material is not available, an alternative is required, and so long as it maintains the theme of originality in the vehicle, it may not necessarily incur a penalty. If it affects performance, or alters the originality theme then it may be subject to such a stricture. NASCO and other period accessories (for FE-FC) do not incur penalties.

## 7. Classing

Classing is at present restricted to Stock Improved and Modified classes. The following list of point values serves as a method to separate the two classes. To achieve Stock Improved status, a vehicle must score less than twenty points, which are awarded for the following non-original parts. A tally sheet will be made for each vehicle and kept in case of dispute.

1.	ENGINE - Any other than grey	20
2.	ENGINE - Modified the original. eg. Extractors	2 each
3.	ENGINE BAY - Any alterations	2 each
4.	GEARBOX - Any other than standard	20
5.	GEARBOX - Floorshift on original gearbox	2
6.	FRONT SUSPENSION - non-original kingpin type. eg. EH etc.	5
7.	FRONT SUSPENSION - Ball joint or other type. eg. HR etc.	20
8.	STEERING - Different column and/or wheel	2
9.	REAR SUSPENSION - Any other than standard	5
10.	DIFF & HOUSING - Any other than standard	5
11.	BRAKES - Any other than standard - front only	2
	all four	4
12.	WHEELS - Chromed or mag, or tyres	4
13.	SEATS – Buckets fitted	10
	Retrimmed in other pattern/material	10
14.	DOOR TRIMS – Other pattern/material	2 (max)
15.	FLOOR COVERINGS – Any other than standard	2
16.	PAINT WORK – Any other than original type or normal Metallic, eg. Custom paint work – Candy Apple, Pearl, Metalflake, Murals, Flames, etc.	20
17.	BODY CUSTOMISING – Flares, Flutes, Chops, Dash, etc.	20
18.	CHROME PARTS – Not originally chromed	1 each
19.	MODERN FITTINGS – eg. Stereo, Demister, Gauges, CB, Electric Wipers, Console, QH/SB lights, etc.	2 each
20.	OTHER MODIFICATIONS	1 each
21.	SEAT BELTS & CHILD RESTRAINTS	0 each

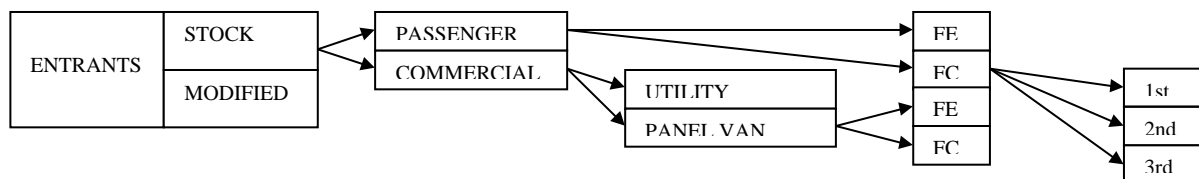
## 8. Judging

- A. Judging is carried out by Entrants' Choice, with one vote per entry. "Entrant" is defined as the owner of an entered vehicle. There is also one trophy per class judged by Members' Choice. "Membership" for the purposes of the Nationals is equivalent to the definition in the members' home club. Members of multiple clubs will be eligible for a single vote only, under the banner of the club they are participating with.
- B. Each member present will receive a voting form listing all categories for awards. Once completed, this form is handed to the vote counting committee.
- C. The vote counting committee will consist of one member from each of three FE-FC clubs. They will tally all votes and prepare a list of the trophy winners.

## 9. Table of Standard Awards

- A. Medium size (total as required):

split as required      split if 3+ of both classes      split if 3+ of both body styles      split if 3+ of both models      As req'd see below



- B. Small size (total 6):

Stock, and Modified	Engine Bay / Undercarriage
Stock, and Modified	Interior / Luggage Area
Stock, and Modified	Exterior

- C. Large size:

Champion vehicle (selected from section 9A, above).

- D. Medium size:

Trailered vehicle (This category applies to vehicles which are not driven to the event and do not participate in the social events over the weekend; eg. Cruises etc.)

## **10. Other Awards**

- A. A second place trophy will be awarded in any of the eight categories detailed in section 9A if more than five vehicles are entered in that category.
- B. A third place trophy will be awarded if more than nine vehicles are entered in a category under section 9A.
- C. Any other trophies are at the discretion of the host state.

## **11. Resolution of Protests**

- A. All official protest shall be presented in writing to the Nationals director and shall include the following:
  - a) The name of the entrant lodging the protest
  - b) The name of the protester's club
  - c) The nature of the protest
- B. On receipt of an official protest, the director may deal with the matter, or refer it to a state delegates meeting. Any decision made by the duly appointed state delegates shall be final and no further discussion will be entertained.
- C. Any official protest and action taken, if appropriate, shall be recorded in writing and returned to the protester and the state delegates.