

CR-4 J Concours Score Sheet Data Entry – Discussion Item-Steve Hill, Jaguar Club of Southern N. England

The following is a **discussion item** for allowing clubs to have a software program that will aid them in the Data Entry and Generation of Score Sheets and Windshield placards.

1. An online location where concours entrants could register and pay to enter the vehicle in JCNA sanctioned concours events. It would be easy to use (once they had registered once, it would remember their personal details. Once they had entered a car, its details would be remembered so that if they entered in multiple concours (over a season, or over multiple years, they would not need to re-enter details).

Note that this could be a part of JCNA.ORG, or could be separate

2. The information entered would be sent to the organizers of the concours they have entered in a fairly simple format
3. This information could be easily imported into a standalone application (this would NOT require web access, and would be able to operate on an inexpensive windows laptop that could be used 'in the field' at a concours
4. The software will allow for the entry of additional vehicles (to accommodate clubs which don't wish to use the web interface, or who allow 'day of show' entries in the field.
5. This software would be capable of generating a 'windshield pack' for every vehicle entered in the concours, exporting them as multi-page PDF files with the details of the vehicle, owner, class and division entered [Note – this piece of functionality could probably also be done by the software in Step 1, but that then causes a challenge for field entries. The windshield packs would only include the required sheets, and would indicate when certain areas (e.g., the boot on driven cars) should not be judged.

My suggestion would be that the forms are held as 'template' PDF files with user fillable fields and the software auto fills the fields and joins together the appropriate sheets to create the windshield pack. This is technology that exists within Python (and probably other popular programming languages)

6. The judges would complete the form using pen or pencil, entering deducts as normal, and return them to the 'score keeper' for computer entry into the software
7. At the concours, these deducts would be entered into the software (probably just at the page level, giving 3 or 4 numbers – though open to discussion as to whether it should also support entry of individual deducts – the obvious advantage being that a more complete record is kept, at the risk of longer data entry times. Perhaps optional?

It would also be very useful if the various 'notes' fields (e.g., reasons for a non-originality deduct) could be entered.

8. Once the scores were entered, the software would total the deducts and calculate the results in each Class and Division, generating PDF sheets that the Chief Judge can use to review the results and to announce them.

9. The software should also generate the results in some form of agreed format for reporting to JCNA. It would also be extremely useful if the software could upload the results to the web site where users initially registered, so the web site maintained a complete record of the club's information.