***The below wording will be inserted into the appropriate section of the existing Concours Rulebook***

**Rootes Preservation Class**

The Rootes Preservation Class is open to unrestored or near original vehicles. All Rootes models are eligible. Vehicles in this class should not have been subject to any “significant” restoration efforts. The term “significant restoration” is left to an owner’s discretion. Any such restoration efforts, however, will result in point deductions commensurate with the significance of the restoration and the component/part involved. As an example, a complete repaint of a vehicle in a color different from that noted on the identification plate could result in zero (0) points for that area. Such a deduction in this critical area could make reaching the required standard difficult.

**Judging Guidelines and Critera**

Vehicles are judged in the six standard component areas: Exterior, Interior, Engine, Trunk, Chassis/Suspension and Functionality. Other than the function test, the vehicles are judged on ORIGINALITY ONLY. Moreover, entries are not judged against each other, but rather, against a standard. These standards are reflected by the number of points achieved. Any vehicle achieving a certain level receives an award. The Rootes Preservation Class is based upon a total of 200 points. Award levels are as follows:

* 1st Place………..185 points
* 2nd Place……….175 points
* 3rd Place………..165 points

Since the Rootes Preservation Class is based solely on originality and the awards received are perennial, cars achieving a 1st place award are not required to compete in the Premier Class in subsequent years.

Preservation Class Entries are judged solely on the basis of originality/authenticity. Points are deducted if vehicle components are assessed as “non-original, wrong, missing, or incorrect." Judges’ should obtain as much information as possible from owners regarding the originality of individual components. Judges’ decisions regarding originality are final.

Repair vs Restoration: Repair of an item refers to functionality whereas restoration applies to returning an item to its original appearance. For example, repairing an item to ensure it functions correctly is allowed without deduction. Restoring an item solely to improve its aesthetic appearance would result in a point deduction.

**Originality Documentation**

Original parts, options, and configurations are only those listed and/or illustrated in:.

*Official Rootes Parts, Owners and Workshop manuals*

*Sunbeam Tiger Hi-Performance & Special Accessories Sunbeam Tiger Division,*

*International Automobiles Inc. (LAT Options)*

*Sunbeam Accessories Catalog*

*Factory or dealer Invoices*

**Original vs Non-Original Components**

Any components/parts/items **not** listed in the relevant Rootes documents above, as applicable to the model, will be considered non-original**.** Any part that is missing or that is the wrong style, type, model, size, configuration, shape, match, color, finish, material or pattern, or is wrongly positioned, is considered **non-original.**

Factory replacement parts or parts produced by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) are acceptable but must be installed in their correct factory location.

Replacement of perishable parts (i.e. tires, bulbs, wiring, battery, hoses, rubber seals/lines, filters etc.) is permissible. Replaced perishable parts must be the same style and type and installed in their original location.

Wheels must be original factory steel, wire or LAT option.

Tires: Modern radials are permitted but must be consistent with the size of the original tires and therefore should not exceed 175x13 (Alpines and Tigers).

Carpets and mats must be as close as possible to the same style and weave as original.

Reproduction parts of any kind, if identified, are subject to point deductions. Reproduction parts would, however, be subject to a lesser point deduction than an incorrect or missing item.

LAT Options and Dealer Accessories:In addition to the standard Sunbeam Accessories, Rootes (USA) formally offered North American customers their own collection of accessories for the Sunbeam Tigers. Known as LAT options they were listed in an official Rootes catalog under the company name International Automobiles Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Rootes Motors Inc. (USA.) It offered dealers a line of performance and dress-up options that were available for installation prior to or following the sale of a vehicle. Although many of the accessories were NOT supplied by the Rootes Group, considering their prevalence in North America and their acquisition/installation through the Rootes dealer network, these accessories, if original, are accepted **without deduction.**