



V. Definitions of Competitors

For the purpose of fair classification, the following guidelines are stated to define SQL Competitors.

Amateur: Amateurs are entry level Consumers who are beginning their involvement with car audio sports and MECA. Amateurs pay for equipment and installation, or do the installation work themselves, or with assistance. Amateur Competitors own all of their system components and may not borrow equipment for the contest. Amateurs have no employment history with any business involved with the 12-Volt Industry nor are not related (includes girlfriend, fiancée, spouse) to Professionals or Manufacturers who are in the 12-Volt Industry. Success and participation at sanctioned events by MECA or other organizations (Examples: competing at a Finals event, high ranking, 2 or more years as a member in another organization) may prohibit competing as an Amateur. Any Competitor who has been a State Champion or World Champion in MECA is not considered an Amateur. Anyone who is or has been a Judge in MECA or any other sound-off organization is not an Amateur.

Consumer: Anyone who purchases equipment and installation services at normal prices available to the general public, and/or does the installation work themselves, is a Consumer. Consumers have no employment history with any business involved with the 12-Volt Industry and are not related to Professionals or Manufacturers who are in the 12-Volt Industry. Consumers are not sponsored Competitors.

Sponsored: Any Competitor who receives equipment and/or installation services for free or at a discounted price, which is not available to the general public, is considered sponsored. Competitors who receive financial compensation or reimbursements, example: travel equipment or expenses, are also considered sponsored.

Professional: Anyone involved in the 12-Volt Industry, in any capacity, qualifies as a Professional. Anyone employed by a 12-volt related business or related to someone who works in a 12-volt related business is a Pro: retail sales, installation, management, or ownership. Anyone who leaves the mobile electronics industry is considered a Pro, but they may petition the MECA Rules & Ethics Committee to change the classification. Decisions made by the MECA Rules & Ethics Committee are final.

Manufacturer: Any Competitor who works directly for a Manufacturer or operates a Manufacturer's demo Vehicle is considered a Manufacturer.

VI. Best of the Best of Show (BOBOS) Award

The winner of this award will be the Competitor with the best overall audio system performance at an event based on their competition results, determined by the following scoring system.

Using the Competitor's true individual scores (not placement) in SPL, DBSPL, SQL, RTA (score X 2) , and Install, those scores will be averaged to get an overall average score, with the highest overall average score winning BOBOS.

If a show does not offer all five (5) formats then the score will be averaged based on the formats that are offered.

SPL offers a maximum score of 150 dB, Drive-by SPL Parade offers a maximum score of 130 dB, SQ is a maximum of 100 points, RTA is a maximum of 80 points (perfect score of 40 X 2), and Install has a maximum of 100 points. If a Competitor does not compete in an SPL or SQL contest offered at the event, the Competitor gets no points, so the score is "0" - zero for that contest.

For example, if a Competitor has a 152.5 in SPL, 126.1 in DBSPL, a 78 in SQ, a 32 in RTA, and 81 in Install, then it would be calculated as: SPL is capped at 150 dB and the RTA Freq out score is doubled. So, $150+126.1+78+64+81 = 499.1$ then divide by 5 to get an average score of 99.82.

Tie-breakers: 1st SQ Score; 2nd Install Score; 3rd SPL Score; 4th Drive-by SPL Score; 5th RTA Freq Out Score

Even if they are offered, Ride the Light and Boom and Zoom are not factored into the BOBOS scoring.

Phat Awards and Best of Show awards are not factored into the BOBOS scoring.