

2023 IPMS Region 12 Regional Contest & Judging Rules

1. The contest is open to all modelers. Membership in IPMS/USA is not a requirement.
2. Judging shall be conducted using the guidelines set forth by IPMS/USA. Entries will be judged using the following criteria: basic construction, overall finish, overall accuracy, additional detailing, and degree of difficulty. Scratch built details will be favored over commercially available detail if quality is comparable. A great amount of added detail will not make up for poor basic construction. A copy of the IPMS/USA Competition Handbook can be found on the IPMS-USA website.
3. In Aircraft categories: 1/100 refers to scales 1/87 and smaller; 1/72 refers to scales 1/86 to 1/60; 1/48 refers to scales 1/59 to 1/40; 1/32 refers to scales 1/39 and larger.
4. In Military Vehicle categories: 1/72 refers to scales 1/100 to 1/60; 1/48 refers to scales 1/59 to 1/36; 1/35 refers to scales 1/35 and larger.
5. In Figure categories: 1/32 and 1/35 figures will compete as 54mm
6. Jet aircraft categories include manned, rocket powered vehicles such as the Me-163, X-1, X-15, etc.
7. If a model is qualified for more than one category, the Registrars shall assist in determining which category the model should be entered. In the event of questionable placement, the Head Judge's decision will be final.
8. The Contest Director may decline to accept an entry with subject matter that may be considered lewd, offensive, or in poor taste by the public.
9. Contest categories may be expanded or combined, at the discretion of the head judge, based on the number of entries in each category.
10. Bases: A simple base and the primary crew figures will be allowed with an entry, however the addition of any other figures and equipment outside, or not attached to the model (e.g., support equipment, foliage, shell splashes or buildings) will make the model a Diorama, which then shall be entered into the proper Diorama category. A scene of action will be considered a diorama. Bases and figures will not be judged in non-diorama categories. Max entry/base size is 900 sq in (30" x 30").
11. Dioramas are defined as scenes telling a story, containing figures and vehicles (aircraft, tanks, ships, cars, and trucks)
12. Out of the Box: To be considered out of the box a model must constructed solely from the contents of the kit, except for finishes or decals. Weathering, filling seams and mold flaws, adding simple seat belts, and antenna/rigging are allowed. Gun barrels, vents and door handles may be drilled out as well. No cutting separating/opening of hatches, control surfaces, canopies, or doors is permitted. The use of aftermarket accessories (except decals) will be cause for disqualification from the Out-of-Box category. Instructions MUST accompany the model and entry form.
13. A "Conversion" entry must contain significant structural changes to the basic kit involving extensive changes in contour or configuration, such work having been accomplished by the modeler. Entries using aftermarket parts as the MAJORITY of the conversion will be placed in the appropriate regular category.
14. A scratch-built entry may incorporate minor parts from other kits (wheels, guns, ordnance, etc.), but the majority of the main subject should not be from commercially manufactured kits.

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15. All dust covers MUST be removed prior to judging. Models with dust covers on will not be considered when judging.
16. NO SWEEPS ALLOWED. A modeler will be awarded the single highest award in a particular category.
17. Models that have placed 3rd (bronze) or better in any IPMS National or Regional contest, a previous IPMS Charlotte Scale Modelers or Gaston County Model Builders Model Contest are not eligible for competition.
18. Any interference with the Judges during the judging process may result in an entrant's immediate disqualification.
19. The judges' decisions are final.
20. IPMS Charlotte Scale Modelers/Gaston County Model Builders reserve the right to make changes to the contest categories as necessary.
21. The show will have provision for 'display only' models for those desiring to show their works to the public but not have them undergo the judging process. The 'display only' area will be clearly marked and reserved solely for their use.
22. The IPMS Charlotte Scale Modelers/Gaston County Model Builders, its members, agents or officers assume no liability or responsibility in case of accidents involving attendees, equipment, merchandise, models, displays or for property lost, stolen or damaged during the show.