



**IPMS  
VANCOUVER**

**FALL SHOW RULES**

**A. ELIGIBILITY**

1. Anyone is eligible to enter any number of models in the Show. Anyone may also serve as a "proxy" to enter models for someone who is not attending the Show and in such cases the modeller's name must appear on the entry form. All entries, except Group Entries (see paragraph C.4.), must be the sole work of the individual whose name is on the entry form. Commercially built and pre-finished models that do not require significant additional work by the modeller will be ineligible even when entered into the specific categories for pre-finished models.
2. Junior division categories are limited to those 16 years and younger. Juniors may, at their own discretion, enter their models in senior divisions; however models entered in senior divisions will not be eligible for special junior awards.
3. Models that have won a First place awards in any category of any previous IPMS Vancouver Show may not be entered in any subsequent IPMS Vancouver Show for awards except as provided in Section C, paragraphs 3, 4 and 5. Basically, previous award winners can be entered into the Masters' Category or used in collections and group entries. A model that has won an award as part of a Collection or Group Entry may also be entered individually in a subsequent IPMS Vancouver Show.
4. The Head Judge will exclude/remove from competition any entry considered by IPMS Vancouver officials to be inappropriate or offensive to generally accepted standards of taste and morality as they apply to family oriented events where the presence of minors is encouraged. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, there shall be no depiction of excretory functions of any human being or animal, no explicit sexual or sado-masochistic activity, regardless of whether any figures present in the model are clothed, and any depiction of excessive violence or macabre activity or the aftermath thereof. The Head Judge's decision to disallow the display of such an entry shall be final.
5. Modellers entering pieces that exceed three feet in either width or length, or that require special power support or special placement, must notify IPMS Vancouver at least one month in advance of the Show. The limited space for the Show requires pre-planning for such entries and while every effort will be made to accommodate the entry, the Show officials retain the right to disallow the entry. Failure to provide advanced notification for such entries could result in their exclusion from the Show or inadequate special requirements.
6. The IPMS Vancouver Show is primarily a show of static models. Any model that can move (eg. a remote controlled vehicle, a walking figure) or that has movable parts extending beyond the area of the base on which it is mounted (eg. a crane, a figure or robot with swinging arms) must have its batteries removed while on display. The Head Judge will remove from the show any entry that, in the opinion of IPMS Vancouver officials, may cause damage to any other entry.
7. Exhibitors are to leave their entries on the display tables until the trophy award ceremony is over.

**B. CONTEST DEFINITIONS AND JUDGING**

1. **Judging**
  - a) Judging will be conducted in accordance with IPMS contest rules and guidelines. Accordingly, models will be judged for skill in construction, finish, realism and accuracy. Additional criteria, described below, are considered for special categories such as dioramas, collections and conversions. Models are judged as three-dimensional objects and are examined in all aspects.

- b) While Show registrars will help determine proper entry categories for models during registration, final category placement is at the discretion of Show judges. Judges may also combine or split categories during final judging in order to create categories of approximately 5 to 15 models per category.
- c) If a model needs to be moved for proper category placement, a reasonable effort will be made to have the modeller move it him/herself. If the modeller cannot be contacted, the judges will move the model.
- d) Judges may move a model for judging if viewing it from one or other aspect is obstructed.
- e) Models in the Show may be covered by cases while on general public display, but such cases should be removed from models for judging. Judges will not remove cases from models unless the modeller has given explicit approval to do so in advance. Entrants must understand that models in cases may not be fully viewable from all aspects that are necessary for judging and could therefore be excluded from the judging process.
- f) All judges' decisions are final. The Head Judge may waive any rule if circumstances warrant.

## 2. **Composition**

The use of "plastic" in its multiplicity of forms is encouraged. These would include, but not be limited to, acetates, acrylics, celluloid, epoxy and polyester resins, fiberglass, nylon, polyethylene, polystyrene, resin, thermoplastic or thermosetting polymer, vinyl, other synthetic and monofilament fibres. However, the use of other modelling materials is allowed as the builder sees fit. Judging standards of finish, attention to detail and authenticity will be the same, regardless of the materials used.

## 3. **Scratchbuilt**

Scratchbuilt models may incorporate parts from other kits, but these should be generally unrelated to their original identity, except for minor parts such as wheels, guns, etc. Models determined to be scratchbuilt must be entered in the proper scratchbuilt category.

## 4. **Conversions**

Conversion category entries must represent a version different from that provided by the basic kit. The conversion must contain significant structural modifications to the basic kit involving extensive changes in contour or configuration. These changes must be the work of the entrant. In addition to the normal judging criteria common to the entire Show, judges of the Conversion Category will give special consideration to the complexity of the conversion. A conversion accomplished with primarily commercial aftermarket parts will be at a disadvantage, therefore, against a conversion accomplished primarily by the builder's craftsmanship - assuming both are finished to similar standards. Simple conversions may be entered in regular categories. More extensive conversions, however, must be entered in the appropriate conversion category. The builder must detail the conversion changes made to the base kit on the entry sheet or accompanying documentation. Judges have the ultimate authority to determine a model's category placement and such decisions by judges will be final.

## 5. **Figures**

Entries in the Figures categories may include any accessories supplied in the figure kit. Inclusion of such elements will not cause the model to be classified as a diorama. A figure vignette consists of a solitary figure or a rider and mount displayed on a base with terrain details, a scene or a setting. The figure should be the dominant feature of the entry and the terrain, scene or setting should merely enhance and support the figure. A figure diorama consists of multiple figures on a base with terrain details, a scene or setting where the terrain details, scene or setting is a major component of the entry.

## 6. **Markings**

In aircraft and vehicle categories, markings will determine the category in which a model is entered. For example a C-47 in military markings would normally be placed in the Twin or Multi-Prop category, but if in airliner markings it would be placed in the Civilian Airliner category. A Shuttle, either by itself or attached with fuel tank and booster, goes in Space – Factual Vehicles, while a Shuttle on the back of a NASA Boeing 747 goes in Civilian Airliners. When a missile's transport vehicle or launcher is the predominant portion of the system (e.g., SCUD, Patriot), the model will be entered in the appropriate Armour category. Civilian launch vehicles (e.g., Scout, Saturn), and military launch vehicles modified for civil missions (e.g., Atlas/Agenda, Jupiter C) will be entered in the Space – Factual Vehicle category.

**7. Jets**

Jet Aircraft categories include manned, rocket-powered aircraft such as the Me-163, X-1, X-15, X-24, etc.

**8. Bases/Dioramas**

- a) Bases will be allowed in all categories and will not be considered in the judging except in the Vignette and Diorama classes. A base may simulate the natural surface on which the prototype would be found; however, nothing other than that surface may be used. Aircraft and vehicles may rest on simulated ground or paving, and aircraft that need beaching gear or dollies may be so equipped. Ships may be displayed in water (no dry-docks). The base must not be the predominant feature of the entry and must be of a size proportionate to the model. Show officials reserve the right to exclude oversize bases. The model may include primary crew figures. The addition of any other figures or equipment outside, or not attached to, the model (e.g., support equipment, foliage, shell splashes or buildings) will make the model a Vignette or Diorama, which must then be entered in the proper Vignette or Diorama category.
- b) A Vignette is a single subject displayed in a setting or scene where the subject is the predominant focus of the entry. The scene or setting is secondary and merely provides a context for the subject. It is recognised that the model may not be viewable from all aspects as otherwise required for judging under paragraph B.1.a).
- c) A Diorama comprises one or more models displayed in a setting or scene where that setting or scene forms a major component of the entry. All of the components of the diorama integrate to tell a story. Not only is the technical merit of the construction of all components judged but also on the strength of the theme or story they present, so that if two dioramas were technically equal, the one having the stronger theme or story would prevail.

**9. Judges**

- a) The Head Judge shall be chosen by the members of IPMS Vancouver. The Head Judge will organise and oversee the judging process of the Show. The Head Judge must brief all judges before the Show judging commences. Juniors may not serve as voting judges, but may be assigned to judging teams as participating observers. Judges may not judge a category in which they are entered.
- b) Judges will be broadly solicited from other IPMS Chapters as well as other model related clubs, societies and organisations.
- c) To the extent possible, judging teams will comprise at least three judges. Every effort will be made to create judging teams that include at least two judges with experience in judging the team's assigned categories.
- d) Strict impartiality shall be observed and violators will be removed immediately from judging and from judges' lists for future Shows.
- e) It is recognised that judges are volunteer hobbyists who are offering their time in support of the Show and the modelling hobby in general. The judges take their role seriously and apply their expertise to the best of their ability. While judges are encouraged to discuss with entrants the judges' decisions in making the awards, they do so at their own free will. An entrant cannot expect or demand explanations as to the judges' decisions. Entrants who disagree with the judges' decisions are reminded of the terms of this paragraph and agree not to aggressively or unduly pursue, harass, criticise or otherwise demean the judges or IPMS, either verbally or in writing.

**10. Liability**

IPMS Vancouver, the Bonsor Recreation Centre and the Show Judges do not assume any liability whatsoever for loss or damage to contest entries no matter how caused.

**C. SPECIAL CATEGORIES****1. Out-of-the-Box**

Out-of-the-Box entries will be governed by the following rules:

- a) **Kits.** Any commercially available kit may be used.

- b) **Finish.** All finishing techniques are allowed. Decals other than those included with the kit may be used. Insignia, markings and instrument panels may be hand-painted instead of decaled. Weathering is permitted.
- c) **Construction.** The modeller may:
- fill seams, gaps, sink holes or ejection pin holes;
  - sand off rivets and imperfections in the mouldings;
  - drill out gun ports, gun barrels, air intakes, vents, exhaust pipes or other appropriate openings;
  - thin to scale such parts as trailing edges, flaps, hatches, doors, etc.;
  - add rigging and antennas; and
  - add simple tape, foil or decal seat belts in the cockpit of an aircraft or the interior of a vehicle (NO commercial or manufactured hardware - e.g., buckles, etc.).
- d) **It is Not Permitted to:**
- vacuform, scratch-build or replace any part;
  - substitute parts from another kit;
  - cut or separate canopies, surfaces, hatches, doors, etc. (no surgery);
  - combine a standard kit with a conversion kit; or
  - add anything other than as specified on the instruction sheet, except as shown above in paragraph C.1.c).
- e) **Instruction Sheets.** Modellers must attach the kit instruction sheet to the entry form. Models entered without the ability of the Judges to refer to the instruction sheet will not be considered for an award.

2. **“What-If”**

Models that are hypothetical and do not represent a factual, physical prototype, except for Science Fiction and Fantasy, must be entered into one of the What-If categories.

3. **Collections**

A collection is any group of five or more closely related items. Past IPMS Vancouver Show winning models may be included as part of a collection. The entire collection must be the work of one person. The closeness of the relationship within the collection is a significant factor in judging. For example, a collection based on variants of a single airframe is a tighter relationship than one of different aircraft operated by a unit. Models comprising a winning collection may subsequently be entered as individual entries if they were not, themselves, previous winners.

4. **Group Entry**

The Group entry shall be the only exception to the rule calling for the work to be done by a single individual. The intent is to provide a forum for displaying a project that is too extensive or complex for a single individual to complete in a reasonable time. Subject matter, time frame, scale, location, etc. are open. Models comprising a winning group entry may subsequently be entered individually if they were not, themselves, previous winners.

5. **Masters' Category**

Models that have won first place in any category or a trophy at any previous IPMS show, may be entered into the Masters' Category.

**D. AWARDS**

1. First, second and third place awards will be given in each category, except for the Masters' Category as mentioned in Section C, paragraph 5.
2. At least one "Best of" trophy will be presented for each major class in the Show. Various other trophies may be awarded at the Show and may vary from year to year. Entrants should review the year's published list of award and trophy categories. The "Best" entries in each class will be determined by a vote of the judges assigned to that class, lead by the Lead Judge of the class. Cross Class Trophies will be chosen by groups of Judges assigned to the task by the Head Judge.