

Chattanooga Scale Modelers Show Rules

Classes

Starting with ModelCon 2024, all previous Automotive Classes, with the exception of Automotive Diorama, will be combined into one class - Automotive Class 3. Automotive Dioramas will be placed with the other Dioramas in Diorama Class 8.

The Classes are:

1. Aircraft
2. Armor
3. Automotive (Note: Automotive Dioramas go in Diorama Class 8)
4. Ship
5. Figure
6. Sci Fi
7. Misc
8. Diorama
9. Junior
10. Showcase

Eligibility

1. The show is open to all modelers. Membership in IPMS/USA and/or AMPS is not required for entry but is encouraged.
2. Entries may be made of any material, i.e., plastic, wood, metal, paper or any combination thereof.
3. Absentee/Proxy entries will be accepted if registered under builder's name. Full registration fees apply.
4. Pre-assembled entries will not be allowed in any category. This includes die cast, pre-assembled display models, toys, or professional engineering models or builder's models.
5. Entries must be the work of the entrant, or the entry will be disqualified from any award.
6. Group entries are encouraged under the name of the group build.
7. Pre-painted entries will be allowed in the Junior category (class 8) only.
8. Models that have won previous standard category awards at other shows (including IPMS/Nationals or AMPS/Nationals or respective regional's, etc.) are encouraged to be entered at ModelCon. Models that have won "Best Of's" or special awards are encouraged to enter the Showcase category at ModelCon. Previous winners of the ModelCon Showcase Award are ineligible for any award but are always welcome to be displayed.
9. **Any model considered to be inappropriate or offensive to generally acknowledged standards of taste and acceptability will be removed. The Chattanooga Scale Modelers shall be the sole arbiter in determining if a model is inappropriate or offensive.**
10. **No more than 5 entries judged in a single Class.** Entrants are encouraged to pick their best Class entries accordingly. No charge for Display Only (Non-Judged) models.

Class Placement

1. The Contestant will determine the Class Placement of each Entry.
2. The Head Judge reserves the right to move any entries to another Class if such move is clearly warranted. All such moves will be made following reasonable effort to notify the Contestant.

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Judging

1. Judging shall be conducted using the guidelines set forth by The Chattanooga Scale Modelers. In summary the following shall apply:
 - a. The Chattanooga Guidelines for Gold-Silver-Bronze will be used for all classes. (For more information see our webpage)
 - b. A team made of head class judges will review the “Best Of’s” from categories 1 - 9 to select a “Best In” Show Award.
 - c. A “Best In” Showcase winner will be selected by a celebrity judge.
2. Models will not be picked up during the judging process, unless deemed necessary by the Class Head Judge to determine final class or special award ranking. Reasonable effort will be made to contact affected contestants prior to any large-scale relocation or handling of affected entries. Models may be gently repositioned to allow access to entry forms, visibility of other entries, or to facilitate placement of models on the viewing tables without said notification.
3. All judges' decisions are final. **Period – END OF STORY.** Any attempts to influence judges will result in immediate disqualification of all the contestant's entries. The entrant shall not hover around the judges when their entry is being judged.
4. Dust covers should be removed prior to judging. A reasonable attempt to judge a model with a dust cover will be made but the judges will not remove any dust covers and may elect to pass on a model with a cover.

Display Only Models

Display Only models are just that, they are for viewing only and will not be judged. Display Only models are free for viewing. Display Only models should not be listed on the ModelCon Registration Form and a Model Entry Form is not needed. However, the Model Entry Form could be used, less Model # and Reg #, if the modeler wishes to describe their model in detail. All Display Only models will be placed on the table(s) marked Display Only.

Disclaimer

No liability for loss or damage to contest entries is implied or assumed by IPMS/USA, IPMS Chattanooga Scale Modelers Association, the Chattanooga Convention Center, or the contest judges. We assume no liability or responsibility in case of accidents involving attendees, equipment, merchandise, models, or displays or for property lost, stolen, or damaged during the show.