

## JUDGES BRIEFING

### GENERAL

- No Sweeps (A modeler is eligible for either a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>.place award in each category)
- **Out of Box** models are in separate categories with normal 1/2/3 awards in other categories  
Must have instruction sheets - Category judges check immediately in case entry must be moved
- Don't worry over identifying candidates for Theme awards. That is being handled by one judge.
- If entered, don't judge your own category or vote on Best of Category if your (winning) entry is eligible.  
(Hint: *If I see your name in both the winners place AND as a judge you weren't listing*)
- If models are in wrong category – See your class head judge or Head judge to relocate.  
(i.e. civilian pickup in the Commercial truck category or vice versa or a Military Vehicle with more than one accompanying crewman should be in dioramas. (Rule #6 & #17). Civil or Military Aircraft - be aware of "N" numbers")
- Treat every model with respect. Remember, it represents a builders best efforts.
- Splits available (See me if you have over 20 entries in your category)

### CATEGORY JUDGES

- Don't try to influence other judges to favor your own entries. If you suspect a judge is doing this, the time to let me know is when it happens, not post- contest, so I can deal with it.
- Watch "loose" talk. The judging is done with the public in the room. Make constructive comments, not crude ones. We are judged by how professional we act.
- Judge on basic construction (lineup, seams, paint, clear parts etc.) Only after an entry has passed the basic evaluation do we consider color/weathering etc.
- You judge what is in the category. If there were only 2 models entered, one will get 1<sup>st</sup> place and the other 2<sup>nd</sup>. (*no matter the build quality.*)
- Only pick up if absolutely necessary to break a final tie for placement. If you damage a model during judging, make note on entry sheet that it did not affect outcome and let your head judge know about the incident.
- Don't let people hover around while you work. You may ask them to leave the area until you finish.
- Mini-Flashlights may be used to aid judging. Dental mirrors, Cell phone lights & magnifiers are **NOT** permitted due to the possibility of model damage.
- Don't discuss results with anyone, including other judges.
- Don't turn over entry forms to determine sweeps, use entrant numbers
- Record model count on Judges Worksheet (Write legibly please)

### CLASS HEAD JUDGES

- Turn in sheets to me as categories are completed.
- Try to compose teams using judges from differing areas (i.e. not all from the same club)
- Never disqualify a model without checking with me
- Best of Category sheet at end of your packet
- **OJTs.** See your category head judge for assignment
- Introduce category head judges