

BeachCon Contest Rules

(Includes excerpts from IPMS/USA Contest Rules)

Official Policy - IPMS USA

Part One. Prohibitions.

Concerning all sanctioned IPMS contests (*local, regional and National IPMS events*), each of the following depictions (individual models, groups of models, or dioramas/vignettes) are prohibited in competition and may not be placed on display at any IPMS event.

a) There shall be no depiction of excretory functions depicting any human being or animal. For instance, and not by way of limitation, there can be a model of an empty 19th century outhouse, but no human being should be depicted in the graphic process of using the facilities in a restroom.

b) There shall be no depiction of sado-masochistic activity, equipment, settings or situations, to any degree, regardless of whether there are figures in the model, regardless of whether any figures present in the model are clothed or if said depiction is representative of a scene from an S/M movie or book. For instance, and not by way of limitation, no one should be permitted to enter the matter of the depiction of a judicial punishment scene (*e.g., A diorama of thirteenth century Spanish punishment of heretics.*)

c) There shall be no depictions of explicit sexual conduct, bilateral or autoerotic, regardless of degree and regardless of the clothing-status of the participants, that involves the touching of the breasts or genitals or other erogenous zones of any depicted figure.

d) There shall be no depiction of any nude human male or female figures where the genitalia of the figure is exposed where the clear intent of the same is to portray a sexual scene.

e) Depictions of any nude human male or female figure, subject to the **Prohibitions** described above (c).

For instance, a model of Michelangelo's David would be permissible; the equivalent depiction of a woman would also be permissible. A figure exposing a woman's breast(s) or genitalia absent sexual activity, would be a permissible subject only to specific local laws that would prohibit the same.

f) Models or dioramas of historic events (*e.g., general dioramas or specific depictions of the result of the activities of a Soviet Gulag, or a Nazi death camp*) where the suffering of human beings, or the result of a pogrom, is depicted. Where the theme, content or subject matter of presentations is graphic or would violate any provision of this policy, then the presentation is prohibited.

1. Awards: Each category will have a First, Second, and Third place award.

2. Eligibility: The entry must be built solely by the entrant.

3. No Sweeps Rule: An entrant may enter multiple models in a category but may only place once in each category entered. Thus, they may either win a First or Second or Third place award.

4. Separate Out of Box categories: Out of Box models may also be entered in the appropriate regular categories if desired but will be judged as by the same criteria as their peers in the regular category.

Models entered in the appropriate Out of Box Categories must be constructed using only the parts that came in the kit. There are a few exceptions such as adding simple seat belts or rigging. Check with the Head Judge if necessary. These entries **MUST** be accompanied by kit instructions. Models entered in OOB categories without kit instructions **MAY** be disqualified.

5. Models are entered solely at the entrant's risk. The IPMS Grand Strand Scale Modelers, IPMS/USA, and General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center are not liable for loss or damage to any model.

6. Models may be displayed on a base of reasonable size depicting ground cover, open/removed access panels and no more than two (2) figures for scale purposes. If any other elements are present on the base the model, must be entered in the appropriate diorama category. Bases content will not be judged in any category except Dioramas. (*See # 15*)

7. Markings will be the sole determinant between and within the civil and military classes. (*example P-51 with an "N" # is a civilian entry.*)

8. Contest entries must conform to the IPMS OFFICIAL POLICY of IPMS USA (*full policy if follows*) in order to be entered. Historically accurate nose art/markings are permitted providing it does not violate the guidelines in the IPMS OFFICIAL POLICY. Beachcon will not exercise the option to use screened presentations.

9. Manufacturer pre-painted models may be entered in the appropriate category for the model. On the contest entry form, builders must indicate the fact that their entry is pre-painted. Such entries may be either metal or plastic, but they **MUST** have been assembled by the entrant.

10. Triathlon The contestant must enter three (3) models, each of which must be of a different major category group.

Example: triathlon entries are an airplane, an automobile and a ship; or a figure, an armor model and a spacecraft.

The models will be judged as a group, with overall quality determining placement. Credit will be given for diversity of entries. No more than one of the three models comprising this entry may have won as an individual entry in a previous contest. Models constituting this entry may not, simultaneously, be competing in other parts of the contest. Models comprising a winning Triathlon may be entered as individual entries at subsequent shows, if they were not themselves previous winners...

11. Collections are a group of five (5) or more closely related items. Past winning models may be included as part of a collection, if they comprise no more than 40 percent of the 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 be entered as individual entries at subsequent shows, if they were not themselves previous winners..

12. The Contest Registration Committee will assist in determining an entry's class at the time of registration, but the final determination rests with the Chief Judge. The decision of the Chief Judge is final. Categories may be combined or split at the discretion of the Contest Committee.

13. Junior entrants (*age 17 or younger*) may compete in either the junior or regular categories, but not both.

14. Commercial Vehicles are defined as those which have some marking of operation by an individual or corporation (*i.e. Acme Towing*) or those that are fitted with equipment appropriate to a commercial function (*i.e. wrecker boom, generator etc.*)

15. Dioramas are judged with consideration of both story line and basic construction, with the emphasis on story line. (*i.e. A very strong story line does not necessarily outweigh very poor construction or vice versa*)

16. Any model that has placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd or won Best of Class or Best of Show at a previous BeachCon or at a previous IPMS Regional or National contest can be entered for **DISPLAY ONLY**. (*This does not apply to previous awards at other local contests, Out of Box or Merit Awards, or preclude entry in a Triathlon or Collection category.*)

ENTRIES MUST BE IN PLACE NOT LATER THAN 12 pm.

17. Special Theme Categories

Entrants may choose to have their models to also be considered for these awards in addition to competing in their category of choice. A label denoting their eligibility for these awards, obtained at registration, must be affixed to the Entry Form.

•Best Pacific Rim Subject

Examples:

Aircraft: P-38 Lightning, F6F Hellcat

Ships: Landing Craft, U.S.S Missouri Battleship

Civilian Vehicle: Automobile or Motorcycle used by locals

Figures: U.S Marine, Viet Cong

Military Vehicle: Sherman Tank, Jeep, Amtrak

Diorama: "Raising the UD flag on Iwo Jima"

•Best U.S. Marine Corps Subject

Examples: Amtrak Landing craft, F4U Corsair, F-18 Hornet, CH-53, Drill Sergeant

Judging based on both build quality and strength of theme.

18. Best of Class & Show

Best of each class will be selected from the 1st Place winners in each category by the Class Head Judge polling the opinions of his teams his teams.

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19. Any attempt by the builder to influence the judges will result in disqualification of all entries by that modeler.

20. Removal of Models

We would prefer that modelers leave their entry in place until the awards are presented so that attendees can view the winning entries. However, if you must leave early, please notify the Head Judge before removing your entries.

21. Award Presentation

Winners must be present to claim an award or designate a proxy who will be present. Alternatively, if you note that you won an award based on the posted list of winners but were not present to claim it, you may contact a club officer and arrange for pick up or shipment of the award at your own expense.