

Noreastcon 2023 Contest Rules

- 1) The contest is open to all registrants of **Noreastcon 2023**. IPMS membership is encouraged, but not required. Absentee entries will be accepted with a \$10.00 Absentee Registration Fee. Handlers of absentee entries will be responsible for all entry paperwork, as well retrieval of the entries and awards (if any).
- 2) Junior categories will include registrants aged 17 and under. Each junior entry will be entered under the modeler's own name and registrants should have performed the majority of work on the entry.
- 3) Registration for **Noreastcon 2023** includes the cost of the registrant's first five entries, with a \$1 charge for each entry beyond five.
- 4) Neither IPMS/USA, the sponsoring chapter, nor the host facility assumes any liability for loss or damage suffered by entries. Handling considerations should be on entry forms. For practical reasons, judges will be permitted to handle the entries.
- 5) Entries MAY be removed from the display area before the Awards Presentation, but we encourage leaving them as long as possible to be viewed. The sponsoring chapter assumes no responsibility for contacting award winners whose entries are removed prior to the awards ceremony, or for mailing unclaimed awards.
- 6) Entries that have won awards at prior Noreastcons are not eligible for award (except for the Collections category and the Triathlon category as noted in these rules).
- 7) Registrants are placed on notice that entries may be excluded on grounds of propriety at the discretion of the **Noreastcon 2023** Contest Committee.
- 8) While the use of plastic is encouraged, other modeling materials are permitted. Judging standards of construction, finish, attention to detail, and authenticity will be the same regardless of material used.
- 9) Judging standards will follow the most recent available **IPMS/USA Competition Handbook** [http://www.ipmsusa.org/competition_handbook/index.shtml]. Judges are asked to familiarize themselves with their areas of the Handbook.
- 10) Model entry forms must be displayed with each entry. Entry forms should include sufficient specific detail to aid judges in their work. Use of commercial conversion parts should be noted specifically, using manufacturer's names.
- 11) Models may be displayed on bases, but only the model will be judged, unless the entry qualifies as a diorama.
- 12) Markings will differentiate between military and civil categories and time periods, and will also determine eligibility for theme awards.
- 13) The Contest Registrar may assist in determining an entry's category, but the final decision shall rest with the Chief Judge. Head Class Judges, in consultation with the Chief Judge, may split or combine categories prior to judging, depending on the number of entries in each category.
- 14) In all categories First, Second, and Third place awards will be presented, assuming a sufficient number of entries/registrants in each category. **A No Sweeps Rule is in effect.**
- 15) **Out-of-the-Box** is defined as an entry that is built from a commercially available kit (including multi-media kits), using **ONLY** parts that come with that kit (except as noted below):

- Any paint finish and/or two dimensional decals may be used
- Additional detailing permitted is as follows:
 - seams may be filled
 - raised panel lines may be sanded off and panel lines rescribed
 - gun barrels, exhaust pipes, portholes, and other similar openings may be drilled out
 - kit parts may be thinned to scale dimensions
- Class specific notations:
 - aircraft – antennae, rigging and seatbelts may be added, even if not included in the kit
 - armor – antennae and closed sponsons may be added, even if not included in the kit
 - ships – antennae, railings, rigging, and flags may be added, even if not included in the kit
 - automotive – seatbelts may be added, even if not included in the kit
- The kit instruction sheet (or a facsimile copy) **MUST** be displayed with the entry, without exceptions.
- Note that in order to compete as an out-of-box entry, the model must be entered in the appropriate out-of-box category and have the out-of-box indicator filled in on the model entry form.

16) **Conversions** are defined as any commercial kit modified by the registrant to represent a significantly altered version of the original subject. Entries that use commercially available conversion parts will be entered in the appropriate non-conversion category.

17) **Scratchbuilt** is defined as any model comprising less than 25% commercially available parts (i.e. wheels, tracks, propellers, etc.). The registrant must have fabricated all major components. It is strongly suggested that registrants in these categories specifically describe their methods and materials on the entry form for the edification of the judges.

18) **Collections** are defined as five (5) or more models adhering to a common theme. While construction, consistency, and finish quality are important considerations, close attention will also be paid to both the imaginative selection of the collection's theme and the cohesion of the collected models to that theme. No more than 40% of the entries in a collection may have won awards at previous Noreastcons.

19) **Triathlon** is defined as three (3) models of subjects in three (3) different classes (i.e. general category groupings - Aircraft, Military vehicles, Automotive, etc.) which are entered as a single entry. Models that have won awards in the Triathlon or the Collections category at previous Noreastcons are not eligible to be included in a Triathlon entry.

20) Eligibility for the show theme award of **"I Love NY"**, requires that the entry be a subject that has some obvious relationship to New York State, including but not limited to: being built in NYS; serving in a NYS unit or on a NYS base, as indicated by the appropriate unit markings; having a name which derives from a NYS location or feature; being crewed by one or more New Yorkers; etc. While construction and finish quality are important considerations, the judges will also pay close attention to the subject's connection to the theme as part of their award decision. Note that a theme entry will be entered for competition in its appropriate category, but will only be considered for the theme award if the "I Love NY" theme indicator is filled in on the model entry form.