

Noreastcon 2019 Contest Rules

- 1) The contest is open to all registrants of **Noreastcon 2019**. 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 to **Noreastcon 2019** entitles the registrant to unlimited entries.
- 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 noted 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 awards.
- 7) Registrants are placed on notice that entries may be excluded on grounds of propriety at the discretion of the Noreastcon 2109 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](#). 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, 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. Judges 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. Special Merit Certificates may be given to other notable entries.

15) Out-of-the-Box is defined as an entry that meets all of the following criteria:

- built from a commercially available kit, using parts from that kit only;
- any paint finish, decals, or marking scheme may be used;
- the only additional detailing permitted is as specified in the current IPMS/USA National Contest Rules governing out-of-the-box entries;
- the kit instruction sheet MUST be displayed with the entry, without exceptions.

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 the imaginative selection of the collection's theme. No more than 40% of the entries in a collection may have won awards in 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.

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