

IPMS Las Vegas Contest Rules

Following are the contest rules developed by IPMS Las Vegas Chapter and utilized for past contests. The Chapter has conducted contests known as Best of the West (BOW) with contestants from many states and internationally.

The Chapter appoints a Chief Judge, who is the final authority on any and all contest issues. The basis for the contest rules is the IPMS USA Judges Handbook. Contests are organized and conducted by a Show Chairman appointed by the Chapter Executive Board (E-Board).

Contest and Awards Guidelines

- Categories and number of awards per category are determined by IPMS Las Vegas Show Chairman with input from his appointed show committee.
- There will be no sweeps, ie no single entrant can win all the awards in a single category.
- In the event of a dispute regarding placement of an entry in a category, the Chief Judge will be the final authority.
- First place winners of each category will be eligible for Best of Show award.
- Judging of each category at a contest will be performed by a team of multiple members. No member can judge a category in which he has an entry. Teams are assigned by the Chief Judge. Team members are IPMS Las Vegas members. Teams may be supplemented by volunteers, generally entrants, with proven expertise, as determined by the Chief Judge.
- No previous IPMS National or Regional award-winning entries, or prior IPMS Las Vegas contest entry award-winners may compete for an award.
- IPMS Las Vegas reserves the right to exclude any individual from this show or any other IPMS Las Vegas event that is disruptive to the proceedings. That right may be exercised by the Executive Board, Show Chairman, or Chief Judge.

Model Entry Award Guidelines

- Seams, sink marks, or mold marks should be removed.
- No visible glue marks.
- All wheels should touch and be straight, model aligned and square, ie wings level, tracks even.
- All parts should be true to scale.

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- Any aftermarket parts should complement the original model and be true to scale.
- Paint should show no construction signs, including glue or file marks, sanding or brush marks, unless intended as the theme of the build.
- Weathering can increase extra consideration if well applied, but, if poorly applied or inconsistent to the rest of the build, can be a distraction.
- Detailing can increase extra consideration if well applied, such as opening gun barrels or exhaust pipes, or adding wiring or plumbing, but may be a detriment if incorrect or out of scale.
- Decals should be straight, have no bubbles or silvering.
- Glass should show no glue marks or prints.