

RULES FOR SOONERCON 2019

I. ELIGIBILITY

1. The contest is open to anyone. An individual may serve as a "proxy" for an entrant who is not present at the contest. Entry fee for proxy models may be set at the discretion of the Host Chapter. All entries must be the sole work of the individual whose name appears on the entry form. Commercially built, pre-painted, or die cast models will be ineligible.

2. JUNIORS. Junior division categories are limited to members 17years or younger. Junior entrants may, at their own discretion, enter their models in senior divisions, but not both. However, junior models entered in senior divisions are not eligible for awards in junior divisions.

3. Models that have won First, Second, Third place, or Out-Of-The-Box, or Premier in any category of any previous IPMS/USA National Models Contest may not be entered in any SoonerCon contest, but their display is encouraged. Basically, previous award winners can be used as noted in Collections or group entries. Models that have won an award as part of a collection, or group entry may also be entered individually in subsequent SoonerCon contests. Models that have won individually, and then won as part of a collection, or group entry are not, however, eligible for subsequent SoonerCon contests.

4. "Test Shot" or pre-production examples of kits not yet commercially available may not be entered.

5. The Head Judge will exclude/remove from competition any model considered by Contest officials to be inappropriate or offensive to generally acknowledged standards of taste and acceptability to our contest staff.

A. The following are prohibited in competition and may not be placed on display at any IPMS/USA event:

i. There shall be no depiction of excretory functions depicting any human being or animal.

ii. 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 and regardless of whether any figures present in the model are clothed.

iii. 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.

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

B. The following may be entered in the completion or put on display, can be presented only behind opaque screens or similar visual barriers and only where visitors are provided with a fair, in written format , of the contents of the models behind the screens. The screened presentation cover competitors and the general public, but no person younger than 18 will be admitted except in the presence of an adult responsible for the young person, subject to the provisions of governing local law:

- i. Depictions of any nude human male or female figure, subject to the provisions of 5A, above.
- ii. Models or dioramas of historical events (e.g., general dioramas or specific depictions of the result of the activities of the communist Cambodian Pol Pot regime, a Soviet Gulag, or a Nazi death camp) where the suffering of human beings or the result of the program is depicted. Where the theme, content or subject matter of presentations is graphic or would violate any provisions cited above, then the presentation is prohibited in any setting.

6. Modelers entering pieces that exceed three feet in either width or length must notify the Contest staff in advance of the contest. The limited space for the Contest requires pre-planning for such entries.

Failure to provide advanced notification for such model could result in their being unable to compete or inadequate special support.

7. Exhibitors are encouraged to leave their models in the display room until the contest is over and the attendees have had the maximum opportunity to view them.

II. CONTEST DEFINITIONS AND JUDGING

1. JUDGING: All models except armor (see rule 2) will be judged for skill in construction, finish, realism, and accuracy. Additional criteria are considered for special categories such as dioramas, collections, and conversions. Models are judged as three dimensional objects and are examined in all. Entries may be handled by judges both for proper table placement and judging. Models in the Contest room may be covered by cases while on general public display, but such cases must be removed from models for judging. **Models in cases will not be judged.** The Head Judge will have the final and exclusive authority to allow or deny cases being removed (or not) during judging. Sweeps will be allowed.

2. All armor subjects/categories will be judged by the SoonerAMPS chapter of the Armor Modeling and Preservation Society using AMPS style awards (Gold, Silver and Bronze), judging, rules and criteria.

3. PLASTIC DEFINITION: For SoonerCon "Plastic" is defined as: any thermoplastic or thermosetting polymer, resin, or other materials which can be formed by heat, pressure, or vacuum forming. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, polystyrene, ABS plastic, celluloid, polyethylene, vinyl, epoxy and polyester resins, fiberglass, acetates, acrylics, nylon, other synthetic and monofilament fibers, and other plastic modeling compounds. Neoprene rubber is also defined as plastic for this contest. Glazes and body putties (e.g. Green Stuff) are not plastics; however, when used for filling seams, improving contours, creating unusual surfaces (e.g. "Zimmeritt" on armor), etc., they will be considered plastic.

4. WAIVERS: The Head Judge may waive any rule if circumstances warrant.