

ModelFEST 2026

CATEGORIES

1. JUNIORS (17 years and younger)
2. AIRCRAFT
3. ARMOR/MILITARY VEHICLES
4. NAUTICAL
5. AUTOMOTIVE
6. SPACE, SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY
7. FIGURES
8. DIORAMAS
9. COLLECTIONS
10. MISCELLANEOUS

SPECIALTY AWARDS

- Theme Award ("Spirit of 76")
- Theme Award ("Jon Thompson Memorial Award")
- Best Junior
- Best Aircraft
- Best Armor/Military Vehicle
- Best Nautical Award
- Best Automotive
- Best Space and Fantasy
- Best Figure
- Best Diorama
- Best Collection
- Best Miscellaneous
- People's Choice
- Best of Show

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES

1. Models may be made of any material, i.e. plastic, wood, metal etc.
2. No self-propelled or radio-controlled models will be allowed to be entered.
3. Gold, Silver and Bronze will be awarded all categories.
4. There **CAN** be multiple Gold, Silver and Bronze award winners in each of the categories by different entrants.
5. **NO SWEEPS** - One award, per entrant, per category
6. If an entrant enters multiple models in the same category, the judges will pick their **BEST** model to judge in that category.

(For Example: If a modeler enters 4 models in the Aircraft category. The judges will then only judge the modelers best aircraft model out of those 4 entered in the category)

7. **ALSO, PLEASE NOTE!** When a modeler enters multiple models in a single category, we ask you **PLEASE PLACE ALL OF YOUR MODELS TOGETHER IN THE CATEGORY!** As it makes judging your work much easier!
8. Junior division is limited to modelers who have not reached their 18th birthday as of May 2, 2026. Modelers qualifying as Junior may enter any other category, however, they may not enter more than one category with any model. Juniors will be eligible to win specialty awards.
9. Contest judges are not permitted to judge a category in which they are entered.
10. Bases are allowed in all categories but won't be considered during judging except in the Diorama

categories. Such bases will be limited to a depiction of the natural surface which the subject would be found on (grass, tarmac, etc.). Any additions to such base will place the model in a Diorama category. Bases (excluding Dioramas and Nautical) may have to be removed due to limited space.

11. The entrant will determine the category of each model. The Chief Judge/Contest Chairman reserves the right to move the entries to another category, if such a move is clearly warranted. All moves will be made following entrant notification.
12. There will be no new categories created after the beginning of registration.
13. All categories will be judged with experienced "competition" modelers as judges. We owe it to each entrant to conduct the judging with the utmost integrity and fairness. Judging will be conducted in a constructive and positive manner.
14. For Out of the Box entries must be an unmodified commercially produced single kit, with the kit instruction provided next to the model. Seams may be filled if necessary, rigging, antennas and seat belts may be added. Entry may be painted as desired and substitute decals may be used.
15. IPMS Space Coast reserves the rights to move any models deemed inappropriate for general audience viewing to a special curtained viewing area that can be entered at one's own discretion.
16. IPMS Space Coast will not be required to justify its decision to move models for any reason including space availability. By submitting a model for entry to this contest, an entrant agrees to all rules.
17. It is understood that prior 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners from a previous **IPMS National** or **Regional Contest** may not be judged again (at equal or lower level) and must be **Display Only**. *(Example: if a model won at a previous national or regional IPMS show, then it **CAN'T** be judged at ModelFEST 2026. It **CAN** be entered as **DISPLAY ONLY**)*

NOTE: IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL MODELS REMAIN ON THE TABLES FOR DISPLAY UNTIL AFTER THE AWARDS PRESENTATION

SHOW ENTRY FEES

\$10.00 – Adult Registration (Up to 5 entries)
\$ 8.00 – IPMS Adult Registration (Up to 5 entries) with a current IPMS Membership Card
\$ 1.00 – Each Additional Entry
\$10.00 – Absentee (Up to 5 entries)
FREE – Junior Entry
General Admission - Adults \$5 - Kids FREE 12 & under

ModelFEST 2026 SCHEDULE

7:00AM – 9:00AM	Early Vendor Setup
9:00AM – 5:00PM	ModelFEST Open to the Public
9:00AM – Noon	Model Registration (Closes at Noon!)
1:00PM – 3:00PM	Contest Judging
4:00PM	Awards Presentation