

# CONTEST RULES FOR IPMS OKC MetroCon

## 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 17 years or younger. Junior entrants may, at their own discretion, enter their models in senior divisions, but not both. 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 IPMS OKC MetroCon contest, but their display is encouraged. Models that have won an award as part of a collection or group entry may also be entered individually in subsequent IPMS OKC MetroCon contests. Models that have won individually, and then won as part of a collection, or group entry are not, however, eligible for subsequent IPMS Metro OKC 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.
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 preplanning for such entries. Failure to provide advanced notification for such models could result in them being unable to compete.
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 below) 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 dimensions. 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.

2. ARMOR JUDGING: 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 IPMS OKC MetroCon contest "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.