

# **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. **PLEASE NOTE!** Due to limited display space... No more than **15** entries per entrant. Individual display space and dioramas are limited 3’ X 3’ unless arrangements are made by **April 2, 2026**
2. Models may be made of any material, i.e. plastic, wood, metal etc.
3. No self-propelled or radio-controlled models will be allowed to be entered.
4. Gold, Silver and Bronze will be awarded all categories.
5. There **CAN** be multiple Gold, Silver and Bronze award winners in each of the categories by **different entrants**.
6. **NO SWEEPS** - One award, per entrant, per category
7. **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
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** , **Regional Contest** or prior ModelFEST award winners may not be judged again and must be **Display Only**. **(Example: if a model won an award at a previous national, regional IPMS or ModelFEST 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**

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