

# ScaleFest 2011 Contest Rules

1. ScaleFest is open to all modelers. Membership in any modeling organizations is not a requirement to be eligible for participation. All attendees to ScaleFest are required to pay admission. A separate fee is charged for each model entered.
2. Models that have won any award at the IPMS USA National Convention, Region VI Convention, or previous ScaleFest event are ineligible for competition. [See rule 11f (Collections) for exception.] They may, however, be placed at the designated exhibit area at no entry fee. Models that have won an award in another IPMS Chapter's contest are eligible.
3. Proxy entries are welcomed at the same fees as normal registration (admission and model entry fees). Entrant must include the actual builder's name on the entry form.
4. A model may not be entered in more than one category/class.
5. The Contest Event Director or the Head Judge may exclude from public display any entries, which could be deemed offensive to locally and generally acknowledged standards of taste and acceptability. A restricted viewing area may be provided for models falling into the "R" rating. For the purposes of this contest, models with explicit sexual content or graphic violence will be placed in the restricted viewing area.
6. Divisions:
  - a. Adult Modelers are entrants 18 years of age and older.
  - b. Young Modelers are entrants 13 - 17 years of age. At their own discretion, Young Modelers will be allowed to compete in the adult categories.
  - c. Pre-teens are entrants 12 years of age and younger. At their own discretion, pre-teens will be allowed to compete in the Young Modeler categories.
7. Models shall not be restricted from competition due to their material composition. Models made of wood, metal, or materials other than plastic are welcome.
8. "Politicking" for any model, pro or con, will not be tolerated. Any abuse of this rule could result in the disqualification of the model in question and/or the disqualification of all the offender's models. This decision will be the final determination of the Head Judge.
9. ScaleFest uses collapsing/expanding classes. It is generally necessary to have three entries in a class to activate it. Any class having less than three entries may be collapsed into the next available class. A class with numerous entries may be subdivided into other classes at the discretion of the Head Judge.
10. Markings will be a strong factor in determining which class a model is placed. For example, a model of a military version of a DC-3 (C-47) would be placed in its appropriate class based on scale, while a DC-3 in airliner markings will be put in class 102 - Civilian: All Scales/All Eras.
11. Category Definitions:
  - a. **Box Stock** will stress modeling craftsmanship only. No conversion, after market detail sets, or scratch building of any kind will be allowed in this class. Only parts provided in the kit may be used.
    - 1). Modelers will be allowed to "clean up" or "clarify" the parts provided in the kit to best represent the real conditions of the prototype. This may include: thinning trailing edges, elimination of raised surface detail, rigging (radio aerials, biplanes, etc) and drilling out gun barrels, exhaust ports, scoops, etc.
    - 2). Entries will be judged on parts preparation, skill of assembly, seam filling/leveling, painting, decals, and weathering.
    - 3). Any decals may be used and/or substituted for decals included in the kit.
    - 4). All kits wishing to be considered for the box stock category MUST be accompanied by the kit instructions.
  - b. **Conversion, Vacuform, and Scratch-Built** designates a combined category.
    - 1). *Conversions* are significant changes to the original kit in order to depict a different variant of the original subject. These changes must be the work of the entrant. The builder must detail changes made to the basic model on the entry sheet or accompanying documentation.
    - 2). *Scratch-Built* is defined as any model where all major structural components of the model are scratch-built by the modeler. Auxiliary details from other sources are allowed.
  - c. **Figures** are defined as models of three-dimensional representations of living subjects versus mechanical subjects.
  - d. **Flats** will be defined as paintings for the purposes of this contest. They will be placed in the miscellaneous category for competition, and will not compete against standard figures. Flats will be broken out when a sufficient number of entries justify a separation.
  - e. **Missiles, Rockets, and Science Fiction** category shall include any model of spacecraft, missile, rocket, or ground vehicles that depict actual or fictional hardware subjects.
    - 1). Missiles will be assigned to categories determined by their attitude. All vehicle-carried missiles/rockets will be in the appropriate class in the Armor category. All missiles/rockets of existing subjects, used in space research, shown in flight or on landing gear, will be placed in the Missiles, Rockets, and Science Fiction category.
    - 2). Media categories will include any modeling subjects that are based on mass published media. Published media is understood to be television, films, comics, books, computer games, etc.
  - f. **Collection** is defined as any group of five or more closely related items that are the works of one person.
    - 1). "Closely related" is defined as a common purpose or designation in relation to a specific era or purpose. For example, a collection based on variants of a single airframe is a tighter relationship than one of different aircraft operated by a unit.
    - 2). The closeness of the relationship within the collection is a significant factor in judging.
    - 3). Past winners at the IPMS National Convention, Region VI Convention, or ScaleFest in other category/classes may be used so long as they comprise no more than 40% of the collection.
  - g. **Humor in Modeling** will be a category for modelers to display their skills and their sense of humor. Models competing in this category will be judged in a similar manner to dioramas. Models entered in this category must tell their story in a humorous fashion.
  - h. Scenic bases will be allowed in all categories provided they do not depict a slice of life scene similar to a diorama. Bases will not be considered in the judging except in the diorama category. Figures may be used for the depiction of scale as follows:
    - 1). Vehicle crews are allowed.
    - 2). One auxiliary figure, in a non-action pose. The use of such figures will not be restricted to kit figures; they will be allowed from any source.
  - i. **Dioramas** will be defined as a modeled subject that tells or represents a specific theme or story. In addition to the standard judging criteria, a diorama will be judged on the strength of its theme or story.
  - j. **Factory Stock** models shall include no non-factory modifications.
  - k. **Street Rod** models are defined as any vehicle with modified engine, wheels, interiors, etc.
  - l. **Customs** are any vehicle that exhibit major body modifications, such as customized fenders, Frenched headlights etc.
  - m. **Open Wheel Racing** defines any vehicle intended for racing where the bodywork or fenders are not intended to enclose the wheels.
  - n. **Closed Wheel Racing** defines any vehicle intended for racing where the bodywork or fenders are intended to enclose the wheels.
  - o. **Commercial** includes all civilian commercial and public service vehicles.
12. Judging will be by a team of judges. Each category judging team will consist of an odd number of judges, each representing a different chapter when possible. Judges will not be allowed to judge categories in which they are entered. Any violation of this rule will result in that judge being disallowed judging privileges in future ScaleFest events, pending a review. Judging criteria will be as follows:
  - a. *Basic craftsmanship*. Removal of flash, mold marks, glue work, seams, construction, etc.
  - b. *Finish*. Paint and decal application, correctness of weathering, shadowing, and other methods of detailing.
  - c. *Effectiveness of the model*. Based on the realistic look and feel of the finished product.
13. Special Awards:
  - a. Judges' Grand Award (a.k.a. Best of Show) – determined by the Judging Team.
  - b. 2011 Special Award for Summer of '41 subject and any other special awards – determined by the President of IPMS North Central Texas.
  - c. The judging team of each category determines "Best of" winners. The models eligible for these awards must have won their respective classes.
14. All decisions of the Judging Team and the Head Judge are final. The Head Judge is the final authority in all matters concerning the contest, the final classification of all entries and the presentation of any awards. IPMS North Central Texas uses the *IPMS USA Competition Handbook* for rules of judging, entry rules, and eligibility. Any disputes with the decision of the judging team will be referred to the *Handbook*.

***Disclaimer: While we provide the best security possible, we cannot be responsible for damage.***

## ScaleFest 2011 Contest Categories

### Category 100 - Aircraft

101. Origin of powered flight to 1937: All Scales/All Eras
102. Civilian: All Scales/All Eras
103. Tilt/Rotary: All Scales/All Eras
104. 1/32 Scale and Larger: All Eras
105. 1/48 Scale Single Engine Prop: All Eras
106. 1/48 Scale Multi Engine Prop: All Eras
107. 1/48 Scale Single Engine Jet: All Eras
108. 1/48 Scale Multi Engine Jet: All Eras
109. 1/72 Scale Single Engine Prop: All Eras
110. 1/72 Scale Multi Engine Prop: All Eras
111. 1/72 Scale Single Engine Jet: All Eras
112. 1/72 Scale Multi Engine Jet: All Eras
113. Small Scale Military (Less than 1/72)
114. Box Stock: All Scales/All Eras
115. Scratchbuilt, Vacuforms and Conversions: All Scales/All Eras
116. Aircraft Dioramas: All Scales/All Eras

### Category 200 - Armor

201. 1/25 Scale & Larger Open & Closed Top Armor and Softskin: All Eras
202. Small Scale (1/72 scale and smaller) Closed Top Armor: All Eras
203. Small Scale (1/72 scale and smaller) Armored Car, Halftrack, and Softskin: All Eras
204. 1/48 to 1/30 Scale Half-Track and Armored Car: All Eras
205. 1/48 to 1/30 Scale Softskin: All Eras
206. 1/48 to 1/30 Scale Tracked Vehicle - Closed Top, Single Color: All Eras
207. 1/48 to 1/30 Scale Tracked Vehicle - Closed Top, Multiple Color: All Eras
208. Towed Artillery and Field Rocketry: All Scales/All Eras
209. Tracked Vehicles: Open Top All Scales/All Eras
210. Box Stock: All Scales/All Eras
211. Scratchbuilt and Conversions: All Scales/All Eras
212. Armor Dioramas: All Scales/All Eras

### Category 300 - Automotive

301. Street Rod All Scales (1948 and older, Street Legal, includes Slammers of similar vintage)
302. Street Machine All Scales (1949 to present, Street Legal, including Slammers of similar vintage)
303. Open Wheel Competition

304. Closed Wheel Competition
305. Trucks, Commercial, and Emergency Vehicles (includes all light and heavy duty)
306. Factory Stock (includes conversions to make any non-commercial factory car or truck)
307. Motorcycles All Scales/All Years
308. Box Stock: All Scales/All Years
309. Custom Conversion: Any Year (Slammers & Low Riders included)
310. 1/32 Scale and Smaller
311. 1/21 Scale and Larger
312. Automobile Dioramas: All Scales/All Years
313. Custom (includes TV, movie, and show cars)

### Category 400 - Ships

401. Sailing or Early Steam Power: All Scales/All Eras
402. Submarines: All Scales/All Eras
403. Powered Ships: 1/199 Scale and Larger
404. Powered Ships: 1/200 to 1/499 Scale
405. Powered Ships: 1/500 Scale and Smaller
406. Box Stock: All Scales/All Eras
407. Scratchbuilt and Conversions: All Scales/All Eras
408. Ship Dioramas: All Scales/All Eras

### Category 500 - Figures

501. Military 54mm and Smaller, All Eras
502. Military 55mm to 119mm, All Eras
503. Military 120mm and Larger, All Eras
504. Fantasy Figures & Creature: 54mm & Smaller
505. Fantasy Figures & Creature: 55mm & Larger
506. Movies & Media, All Scales: Science Fiction
507. Movies & Media, All Scales: Horror
508. Movies & Media, All Scales: Action, Adventure & Animé
509. Super Heroes and Villains, All Scales
510. Figure Vignettes: 4 or Fewer Figures, All Scales
511. Figure Dioramas: 5 or More Figures, All Scales

### Category 600 - Missiles, Rockets, & Science Fiction

601. Actual Vehicles, Missiles & Rockets (Real Space), All Scales
602. Film & Media Fictional Spacecraft & Aircraft, All Scales
603. Film & Media Fictional Ground Vehicles, All Scales
604. Non-Media Fictional Space & Aircraft, All Scales
605. Hypothetical Real World Designs (including "Luftwaffe '46"), All Scales

### Category 700 - Young Modelers

701. Pre-Teen (12 & under): All Entries
702. Young Modelers (13-17), Aircraft
703. Young Modelers (13-17), Armor
704. Young Modelers (13-17), Automotive
705. Young Modelers (13-17), Miscellaneous
706. Young Modelers (13-17), Dioramas & Vignettes

### Category 800 - Miscellaneous

801. Mechanical - All Scales
802. Biological - All Scales
803. Collections - All Scales
804. Club or Group Builds - All Scales
805. Humor in Modeling - All Scales
806. Triathlon (models from 3 different categories)

### Special Awards

- Best of Aircraft Category
- Best of Armor Category
- Best of Ship Category
- Best of Figure Category
- Best of Automotive Category
- Best of Spacecraft/Science Fiction Category
- Best of Diorama Category
- Best of Young Modeler Category
- Judges' Grand Award (Best of Show)

### Individually Sponsored Awards

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