

Cincinnati Scale Modelers

Modelnati 2025 Contest Rules

1. **Models that have won or placed at IPMS Nationals, regional's or past CSM events may not be entered, but, may be displayed at no cost**
2. Pre-assembled or partially-assembled scale replicas and die-cast models are eligible for competition only if, in the opinion of the judges, they contain significant changes in structure, paint scheme and markings so as to represent the handiwork and skills of the modeler, *not the manufacturer*
3. Entries will be judged using the following criteria: Basic construction, overall finish, additional detailing, authenticity, and degree of difficulty. Scratch built detail will be favored over commercially manufactured detail if quality is comparable. Extra detail will not make up for a poorly constructed model. IPMS National Rules shall be considered as guidelines.
4. Contest registrars shall determine the classification of each entry. In the event of questions regarding placement, the Head Judge will have the final decision. The following guidelines will be observed:
 - a. Markings will determine service, nationality and civil vs. military usage.
 - b. Jet includes rocket-powered craft.
 - c. Military missiles are considered artillery.
 - d. Emergency vehicles (police/Fire etc.) will be considered commercial vehicles.
 - e. Hypothetical models will be entered into the most appropriate Category / scale.
 - f. Vacuform models will be considered scratchbuilt / conversions.
5. Bases WILL NOT be considered in the judging of models entered in non-diorama Categories. Entries where the base is deemed by the judges to be a predominant feature of the model or those depicting a scene MAY BE MOVED at the judges' discretion to the appropriate Diorama Category. All dust covers must be removed prior to judging.
6. **Scratchbuilt, Conversion, & Major Modifications Category:**
 - 6A. A "Conversion" entry must contain significant structural changes involving extensive changes in contour or configuration. Entries using aftermarket parts or kits to effect the conversion will be included in this classification.
 - 6B. "Scratchbuilt" entries may use parts from existing kits but their use should be unrelated to their original purpose, with the exception of guns, wheels, tracks, etc...
7. An individual entrant may not win more than ONE award per Category or split category.
8. The Judges' decisions are final. Interference with the Judges can result in an entry's disqualification.
9. A Category must have at least 3 entries to be judged. In the interest of competition, at the judges' discretion, entries in an underrepresented category may be combined into another similar Category.
10. Cincinnati Scale Modelers/IPMS Cincinnati, its members, agents, or officers assume no liability nor responsibility in the case of accidents involving attendees, equipment, merchandise, models, displays nor for property lost, stolen or damaged.

DEFINITIONS

For a listing of contest categories please visit our club website at <https://www./cincyipms.com> . For those without internet access categories will be posted in our registration area on the day of the event.