

DownEastCon 2018 Contest Rules as of 1 January 2018

1. Models will be judged against each other based on fit and finish. Each Category will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. There is no Out of Box (OOB) award. First place models in a Category are eligible to be judged for "Best of Class" (901-908) Special Awards. Only the Best of Class winners are eligible to be judged for the "Best of Show" (909) Special Award. Any "theme model" is eligible for the Theme Special Award regardless of placement within a category.
2. A modified "No Sweeps" rule is in effect; a modeler cannot take all 3 places in a category, but can take 2 of 3.
3. This is a family-friendly show. The Chief Judge will exclude/remove from competition any entry considered by ECPM officials to be inappropriate or offensive by generally acknowledged standards of taste and acceptability as described in Rule 5 of the IPMS National Contest Rules. ECPM officials are the sole/final authorities on this. There is no "screened area" for display of these entries. If you don't know the rule or are unsure of your entry, ask ahead of time. This does not apply to historical aircraft nose-art.
4. All entries must be the sole work of the individual whose name is on the registration and entry forms. A surrogate may bring another person's model, but the registration must be that of the builder. Commercially built and/or finished models (i.e., pre-built and/or pre-painted, die-cast, etc) will not be accepted for entry in any category.
5. Models are entered solely at the entrants' risk. Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers does not assume any liability for loss or damage to any model. Models may be handled during judging. If necessary, we will ask the modeler to remove display cases prior to judging.
6. Models may be displayed on a base (either plain or one that simulates appropriate natural surface) of reasonable size. Bases will not be judged in any category except Dioramas. Any entry that, by virtue of its base or setting, depicts a story or theme, must be entered in a Diorama category.
7. Models may include a primary crew. Any model with other figures, equipment, foliage, structures, or action must be entered in a Diorama category.
8. Junior entrants (age 17 or younger) may compete in either the junior or regular categories, but not both. Please put a check in the Juniors Box on the Entry Form if you wish to be entered as a Junior.
9. The Contest Registration Committee will assist in determining entry class and category at the time of registration. If an entry qualifies to be in more than one category (i.e., a 1/32 biplane could be either 102 or 136) the entrant may select which category he would like the model to compete. In all cases the final determination rests with the Chief Judge and the decision of the Chief Judge is final. Any category may be split or combined at the discretion of the Chief Judge to balance numbers of entries for competition.
10. Judges are not allowed to judge a category in which they are entered.
11. An entry which has won an individual prize at any IPMS/USA Regional or National Contest in a previous calendar year may be entered for display only. Current calendar year winners may compete.
12. Automotive Category Definitions.
 FACTORY STOCK -- A vehicle as it would have come from the factory; paint must resemble factory paint, wheels can be replaced. Documentation may be requested for any vehicle that appears unusual.
 HOT/STREET RODS, STREET MACHINES -- Modified vehicles intended to be street driven. Models must be street legal; treaded tires, exhaust systems, license plate, etc.
 CUSTOMS -- Vehicles that have undergone extensive body work and may or may not be street legal.
13. Theme Special Award: To be eligible for the Theme Award, models must represent any person, place, event, or equipment that is related to "The United States Marines". Entries must be accompanied by supporting documentation.

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Category	Description
0.	Juniors *
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I.	Aircraft *
102	Multi-wing & Rigged; All scales.
105	Single Engine Prop; 1/72 & smaller.
107	Single Engine Prop; 1/48.
110	Multi Engine Prop; 1/72 & smaller.
118	Multi Engine Prop; 1/48.
120	Jets; 1/72 & smaller.
128	Jets; 1/48.
136	Aircraft; 1/32 & larger; All types.
153	Helicopters; All scales.
	Note: UAV's compete by engine and scale.
II.	Military Vehicles *
205	Armor; 1/35 & larger; Closed top; All eras.
207	Armor; 1/35 & larger, Open top w/interiors; All eras.
215	Wheeled & Soft-skin Vehicles; All scales/eras.
216	Armor; 1/36 & smaller; All eras.
225	Ordnance - Missiles & Towed Arty; All scales/eras.
III.	Figures *
301	Historical Foot & Mounted; All scales.
321	Fantasy & Sci-Fi; All scales.
IV.	Ships *
409	Surface.
417	Submerged.
V.	Automotive *
503	Factory Stock.
505	Hot/Street Rods & Street Machines.
513	Competition.
538	Commercial.
551	Miscellaneous & Customs.
	Note: Motorcycles compete in closest Auto category.
VI.	Space & Sci-Fi *
602	Real Space & Fantasy/Sci-Fi; All scales.
VII.	Dioramas *
701	Military
702	Civilian
VIII.	Miscellaneous *
801	All Other Entries
IX.	Special Awards
901	Best Aircraft (I)
902	Best Military Vehicle (II)
905	Best Automotive (V)
908	Best of the Rest (other than above)
909	Best of Show
910	Theme: "The United States Marines"

* Splits or combinations may be employed at the contest to balance entries for competition.