

Patcon 2024 Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to all registrants of the Patcon show. Proxy entries are allowed when entered under the name of the builder with appropriate fees paid. Entries must be made in person or by proxy between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. on the day of the contest.
2. Each entry must be substantially built and/or painted by the entrant. Die casts, pre-painted and promotional models are not eligible for competition in any category besides Juniors.
3. In addition to the requirements stated in the category description, judging will be based on the modeler's demonstration of basic modeling skills and, where appropriate, reasonable historical or factual accuracy, as outlined in the IPMS Competition Handbook. If your model is of a subject or version not generally known, or requires special knowledge to evaluate, please provide suitable documentation with your entry to assist in judging.
4. Any model that has won an award at a previous Patcon contest is not eligible for competition.
5. Separate tables will be provided for display only models—no judging. Please use a green DISPLAY ONLY entry form.
6. Caution: Contestants who remove their models from the contest tables before judging is completed risk not having their models judged for certain awards. If your travel plans require early departure, please inform the Head Judge no later than 1 p.m., and we will attempt to accommodate you.
7. Award winners must be present, or have a designated person available, to accept awards. Due to the high cost of mailing, no trophies will be mailed to winners without a prepaid, nonrefundable fee of \$5.00.
8. The judges may add, split, combine or delete categories as necessary for fair competition. These decisions will be made only after registration has closed.
9. The Patcon staff reserves the right to remove from display or from competition entries which it deems offensive as determined by the Head Judge, President and/or Contest Chairman. If a model is removed from competition, the entry fee for that model will be refunded.
10. The Patcon staff reserves the right to relocate items on the contest tables if space considerations make it necessary to do so. No entry may be immovably attached to a table without clearance from the staff.
11. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded (numbers permitting) in each category except Figures, Wargaming, Dioramas, Vignettes, Masters and Juniors. Only one place award per contestant per category.
12. Each Figures, Wargaming, Dioramas, Vignettes, Juniors and Masters category will be judged using an open system that may award one of three prize levels—gold, silver, bronze—to each contestant. All Juniors will receive a medal.
13. During judging, it may be necessary to handle or move a model to inspect it more closely. If a modeler does not want their model to be handled by the judges, they must clearly note this on the entry form that accompanies every model in competition.
14. To facilitate judging, models in display cases will not be allowed without permission of the Head Judge.
15. A model may be displayed on a base, but the base will be ignored by the judges unless the model is entered in Figures, Dioramas or Vignettes. If displayed on a base, it is strongly recommended that the model be firmly attached. Please note on entry form if the model is not attached to the base.
16. Entries may be displayed with name plates, spec. sheets, etc., but the modeler's name should not appear on the display.
17. A vignette is a scene with up to five figures and/or one vehicle subject. It is not required to present a theme or story line, but it should represent a "snapshot" or "slice of life." A diorama is a scene not subject to the limits imposed by the vignette category, but it is required to contain a theme and/or story line.
18. Patriot Scale Modelers reserves the right to use photographs of contest entries and/or attendees for future publicity materials.
19. Patriot Scale Modelers will not be responsible for lost or damaged models at, coming to, or going from the event.
20. Decisions of the judges are final.