

Model Contest Rules

1. Awards: Each category will have a First, Second, and Third place award except for the Theme Award, Multimedia, Best of The Best Categories and Best of Show where there will be one award for each category.
2. Eligibility: The entry must be built solely by the entrant.
3. No Sweeps Rule: An entrant may enter multiple models in a category but may only place once in each category entered. Thus, they may either win a First or Second or Third place award. Exception – If the class has more than 15 models displayed, the “No Sweep” rule will not apply.
4. Separate Out of Box categories: Out of Box models may also be entered in the appropriate regular categories if desired but will be judged as NOT Out of Box against their peers in the category.
5. Models are entered solely at the entrant's risk. The South Carolina Modelers Association (SCMA) will not be liable for loss or damage to any model.
6. Models entered in the appropriate Out of Box Categories must be constructed using only the parts that came in the kit. There are a few exceptions such as adding simple seat belts, rigging or ship railings. Instructions must be available. Check with the Contest Committee if necessary.
7. Multimedia Category (Automotive & Non-Automotive): Any model kit that was supplied from the manufacturer with parts or pieces other than plastic (photo etched, carbon fiber, resin cast, etc.). It must be displayed with the instruction sheet or a photo of the instruction sheet showing the parts. If the instruction sheet does not specifically show the above listed non-plastic pieces, it will be at the discretion of the contest committee as to whether the model fits the category. It may not be entered in any other class.
8. Best of The Best Category (Automotive & Non-Automotive): Any past show or contest winner. Must have placed 1st in any class or received a Best of Show award from any SCMA show or contest. Model must be displayed with the award. It may not be entered in any other class.

9. Models may be displayed on a base of reasonable size with appropriate ground cover, open/removed access panels and ONE figure for scale purposes. If ANY other elements are present on the base the model, must be entered in the appropriate diorama category. Bases content will not be judged in any category except Dioramas.

10. Markings will be the sole determinant between and within the civil and military classes.

11. Manufacturer pre-painted models may be entered in the appropriate category for the model. On the contest entry form, builders must indicate the fact that their entry is pre- painted. Such entries may be either metal or plastic, but they MUST have been assembled by the entrant.

12. The Contest Registration Committee will assist in determining an entry's class at the time of registration, but the final determination rests with the Contest Committee. The decision of the Contest Committee is final. Categories may be combined or split at the discretion of the Contest Committee.

13. Junior entrants (age 15 or younger) may compete in either the junior or regular categories, but not both.

14. "Curbside" civilian vehicles are to be judged only for presentation and paint finish. They will not be picked up during judging.

15. Commercial Vehicles are defined as those which have some marking of operation by an individual or corporation (i.e. Acme Towing) or those that are fitted with equipment appropriate to a commercial function (i.e. wrecker boom, generator etc.)

16. Dioramas are anything that depicts a story and will be judged with consideration of both story line and basic construction, with the emphasis on story line. (i.e. A very strong story line does not necessarily outweigh very poor construction or vice versa)

17. Any model that has placed 1st, won Best of Show at a previous SCMA event can be entered in Best of The Best Category or for DISPLAY ONLY.

18. Special Theme Categories Judging will be judged based on both build quality and strength of theme.

19. Best of Show will be selected from the 1st Place winners in each category. The judging will be done by the Contest Committee.

20. Any attempt by the builder to influence the judges will result in disqualification of all entries by that modeler.

21. Removal of Models: We would prefer that modelers leave their entry in place until the awards are presented so that attendees can view the winning entries. However, if you must leave early, please notify a member of the Contest Committee before removing your entries.

22. Award Presentation will be done immediately following the vote counting. If a winner is not present to claim an award, the award will be mailed to the address listed on the entry form at the contestant's expense or given to a member of the contestants SCMA chapter for presentation.

ENTRIES MUST BE IN PLACE NOT LATER THAN 12 pm. -----
