

# IPMS/OC Monthly Contest Rules

Below are the General Contest Rules for entering a model in the IPMS Orange County Monthly Model Contest. The rules apply to special Themed contests as well.

1. Anyone may enter the monthly contest whether they be a member or meeting participant. A contest entry form is filled out by each modeler wishing to participate and a numbered ID button is selected and that number is added to your form \*see Rule 6).
2. You may display your model and or Work In-Progress without entering the contest if you wish.
3. Previous winning entries may not re-enter the contest except for being considered for the Theme award only. Previous Theme winning models may not be re-entered. See rule number 8 for more details.
4. You must have performed the work on your model entry by yourself. You may not enter someone else's work under your name. You may enter another person's model by a proxy entry and enter their name on the contest entry form.
5. There are three Division levels and one Junior level that you may choose to enter your model in. Juniors are considered 15 and under, for the other Division levels you choose which one you wish to participate in. Most modelers are Advanced meaning they have built before as youngster's and have re-entered the hobby, or have been building for a

while now and know the basics. If you are not sure, you may start at Novice and move up from there. Once you choose a Division, you must enter in that same one until you decide to move up. Once you move up, you may not return down a Division level. You must move up to the next Division level after obtaining five First Place wins, not successively.

6. For the Division levels we provide numbered buttons to use as identifying your model on the table. For the Junior Division, the model is identified by placing a 100 numbered series button next to your model. For Novice Division, the 200 series, for Advanced the 300 series and for Master the 400 series buttons. This number is also recorded on the contest entry form on the line next to the written entry.
7. For the entry to be considered for the Theme award, place a small T tag next to your entry as well. Check the box on the entry form under the Theme column. Check with the Contest Director or Assistant CD to make sure your Theme entry really qualifies for the Theme if you are not sure.
8. You may re-enter a model that has won a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place award in the past into the Theme only category for a given contest. A "Theme Only" tag is available to place next to this entry and should not be voted on by the meeting participants.
9. Pre-Built and/or pre-finished models that are purchased in

a completed state from the store will not be allowed entry into the contest. Die cast models and plastic model kits with painted parts need to be improved before they may be entered into the contest. They must have had additional work performed along with documented before and after photos so the changes are understood. The original instruction sheet is also required for entry, unless the model was not supplied with one as in a static built die cast.

10. A break is held during the meeting so the contest voting can take place. The contest is voted on by the meeting participants by popular vote and the ballots are turned in for tabulation. The Theme and Judges choice selections are accomplished by a panel of volunteer judges not entered in the contest.
11. The most votes in a Division will receive the 1<sup>st</sup> place award, the second most votes 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and the third most is 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Ties are handled by coin toss.
12. The winners of the contest are announced towards the end of the meeting and awards are handed out each night of the contest except the Theme award and the Judges Choice award. These awards are handed out the following month's meeting because of special engraving. You may sweep a Division although records have not shown this to happen.
13. All results are final.