



HERITAGECON

Contest Rules

General:

- By submitting a model entry for competition at any Heritagecon Show, Contest or Event, the Entrant agrees to abide by all Heritagecon Rules, Regulations and Guidelines as well as those of the hosting Facility.
- The Heritagecon show committee assumes no responsibility for the transportation, handling, entry, loss, damage or storage after the show of any model.
- Any modeler who deliberately or intentionally omits, falsifies or misrepresents any information on the Entry Forms will be subject to disqualification. This includes, but not limited to, names, materials used, kit used or kit descriptions.
- Heritagecon contest judging is done in accordance to the IPMS Canada's "Recommended Chapter Contest Rules" with any deviations noted within this document.
- Any entry (Model or Base) or display that is deemed to pose a potential or real threat of damage or injury to other entries, the public or the hosting facility, may be removed at the Chief Judge's discretion.

Eligibility:

- Heritagecon is open to anyone who wants to enter their model for competition. Affiliation to an IPMS chapter or any other club is not required to enter this contest.
- All models must be entered under the legally recognized name of the actual modeler.
- Group built (2 or more modelers collaborating on a single entry) models are Not Eligible.
- Entries without the correct Validation Stamps will not be considered in the Judging.
- **Entries without completed "Entrant Information" (Bottom of the entry form) will not be considered for an award.**
- Models that have won a "Best Of" or a First Place in an IPMS Canada or IPMS USA or Local Competition prior to **March 25, 2022** are not eligible.

Prohibited Entries: The following entries are prohibited:

- The Chief Judge will exclude/remove from competition any entry considered by Contest Officials to be inappropriate or offensive to generally acknowledged standards of taste and acceptability of the community and/or the host facility. The following are examples of entries prohibited in competition or on display at any IPMS Canada or IPMS Canada Chapter event:
 - There shall be no graphic depiction of any human being or animal excretory functions;
 - There shall be no depiction of sado-masochistic activity, equipment, settings or situations, to any degree, regardless of whether there are figures in the model and regardless of whether any figures present in the model are clothed;
 - There shall be no depictions of explicit sexual conduct, bilateral or autoerotic, regardless of degree and regardless of the clothing-status of the participants, that involves children, and the touching of the breasts or genitals or other erogenous zones of any depicted figure; and
 - There shall be no depiction of any nude human male or female figures where the genitalia of the figure are exposed.
 - There shall be no entry depicting the overt sexualisation of any subject regardless of gender.
- The Chief Judge will exclude/remove from competition any entry considered by Contest Officials to not emphasize scale accuracy or fidelity. The following are examples of entries prohibited in competition or on display at any IPMS Hamilton or Heritagecon event:
 - Flying models (any material or power source)
 - Radio Control (RC) aircraft, armour, auto, or ship
 - Models constructed of materials or by methods that do not present an accurate 3 dimensional representation of the subject. (Lego models of any kind, Foam core/board, Balsawood, etc.)

Awards: Each category will presented by a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards, (number of entries permitting).. Any single entrant is eligible for multiple awards in a category. "Patron" awards will be determined by the judge's consensus. "People's Choice" will be determined by popular vote of the attending public.

Materials: Models may be constructed from any Material with the restrictions noted in "Special Categories"

Special Categories: Due to their unique qualities Heritagecon has created unique Categories to accommodate modellers who work in Die Cast/Metal and wood.

- **Modified Die Cast:** Die Cast and/or Pre-painted subjects are not eligible unless extensively reworked. Die cast Models **MUST** be entered in the appropriate Die cast Category. Documentation of rework is required. Models originating from a Die cast kit must be entered in this category, and are ineligible to compete in the standard categories.

Size Limitations: No one entrant's (Person entering) total entries may exceed 8 square feet in area. This includes collections, large subjects and displays.

Bases:

Reasonably sized Bases will be allowed in all categories and will not be considered in the judging except in the Diorama Categories. A base may be a piece of undecorated wood, plastic or glass or it may simulate the natural surface on which the prototype would be found. However, nothing other than that basic surface may be used. Aircraft and military vehicles may rest on simulated ground or paving, and aircraft that need beaching gear or dollies may be so equipped. Ships may be displayed in water only (no dock or dry docks). Any model that is displayed upon a base may have 'basic' groundwork; i.e., dirt, grass, roadway, runway, apron, a low stone wall, etc. No part of the base or groundwork may obscure, or hide from view, any portion of the model. No part of that base or groundwork may extend taller than the topmost portion of the body of the model. The base must not be the predominant feature of the entry and must be of a size proportionate to the model. The model may include primary crew figures (maximum 2). The addition of any other figures or equipment outside or not attached to the model (eg, support equipment, service platforms, or buildings) will make the model a Diorama, which must then be entered in the proper Diorama category. The Chief Judge reserves the right to exclude oversize or elaborate bases.

Dioramas – Vignettes:

Dioramas and Vignettes are judged not only on the technical merit of their construction (vehicles, figures, and Ground Work will be initially judged based on the standard IPMS Criteria) but also on the strength of the theme or story they present. A previous regular contest category winner may be used as part of a diorama as long as it not the primary focus of the diorama.

Entries with no more than five (5) figures and/or a single vehicle subject will be placed into the Vignette category

Entries with two or more vehicles and/or more than five figures, or have been determined by the Chief Judge to be an elaborate Base, will be placed into the Diorama categories.

Models Under Glass:

The Modeler may display his/her entry under a protective glass or covering prior to and after judging. Models will not be judged unless the glass or cover has been removed. It is up to the entrant to monitor the schedule and announcements and to remove the covering prior to Judging. Judges will not remove coverings. "Shadow Box" Dioramas are exempt from this rule.

Splits: Judges may, at their discretion, combine or split category as required prior to judging. Splits or combining must be approved by the Chief Judge.

Decisions: Prior to Judging, The Chief Judge or delegate may move an entry to an alternate category, as Chief Judge deems fit.

All decisions of the Chief Judge are Final.

Definitions

Conversions: A significant change in mark or variant of a subject by scratch building or kit bashing techniques. Commercially available Conversions are not eligible for this category. Entry must include a detailed description of changes made.

Scratch Built: Scratch built entries may be made of any materials but contain less than 25% commercially available parts. Models created from largely 3D Printed components will be entered in the appropriate Scratch Built Category.

Collections: Collections must consist of 5 or more clearly related items. *Note: size limitations

Ordnance: Towed Artillery, with or without and prime mover, Portees, Rocket Launchers, a Tank transporter/trailer, with or without a load vehicle, etc. Any combination of two or three vehicles must be attached to each other by a means designed specifically for such purpose. **If not attached, entry will be moved to the appropriate Diorama category.**

Out of the Box (OOB).

KITS. Any commercially available kit may be used. Only parts that are included in the kit may be utilized. Preproduction or Test shots are not permitted.

FINISH. All finishing techniques are allowed. Weathering is permitted. Decals other than those included with the kit may be used. Insignia and markings may be painted instead of decaled.

CONSTRUCTION. The modeler may: fill seams and gaps, sand off rivets or other detail, drill out guns, gun ports, exhaust pipes or other appropriate openings, add rigging and antennae, thin to scale such parts as fenders, trailing edges, flaps, hatch covers and doors. Simple tape, paper or decal seatbelts may be added (No aftermarket Photo-etch or resin). The modeler may restore detail lost during sanding of seams.

IT IS NOT PERMITTED TO: substitute parts from another kit, vacuform, manufacture or replace any part, cut or separate canopies, surfaces, hatches, doors, etc., combine a standard kit with a conversion kit, modify kit parts for other than fit purposes or add anything other than specified on the instruction sheet.

INSTRUCTION SHEETS. Modellers **MUST** attach the kit instruction sheet to the Entry Form. **Models entered without an attached kit instruction sheet will not be considered for an Out-of-the-Box award.**

Catch-22:

Anything entry that does not fit other standard categories, including Dinosaurs and Animals.

Category Selection:

With respect to the above stated rules and conditions, the modeler is free to enter into the most appropriate Category. In the case where an entry could be entered in more than one category, the Modeler may exercise their preference.

ie: 1/72 Fairey Swordfish Torpedo Bomber could be entered in Cat A-2-Military Single Engine Prop - Allied / Neutral - WW-II & Earlier or A-14-Multi-Winged and Rigged. It would their choice.

Note: The Chief Judge has the right to make the final decision on any model's category placement.