

## Can-Am Challenge Contest Rules



The intent of the Can-Am Challenge is to showcase the model building art. The show is organized and run by IPMS Livonia. To provide impartial judging, registered members of IPMS Livonia will not be entering any models in any contest category. Instead, they will be serving as Contest and Class Head Judges and will adjudicate all judging results.

- 1) The Can-Am Challenge is open all modelers except registered members of IPMS Livonia. IPMS Livonia modelers will be presenting their work as display only.
- 2) Models not eligible for this completion are those that have:
  - a) Placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in prior year (pre-2018) IPMS Regional and National competitions,
  - b) Received Best of Awards in prior year (pre-2018) AMPS Regional and National competitions,
  - c) Placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2016 Can Am Challenge.
- 3) 1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards will be presented in each category.
  - a) No sweeps. A single entrant will only receive a single award for their best placement in any given category unless there is only 1 or 2 entrants in that category
- 4) Category splits / consolidations. In order to maximize the competition:
  - a) Class head judges will split categories if a significant number of entrants / entries are experienced in any given category.
  - b) Class head judges will consolidate categories if there is only one entrant and/or one or two models in any given category. This will only happen when the models being consolidated into a single category can be objectively judged against each other. At the discretion of the Contest and the Class Head Judge, movement of a single model into the Catch 22 Class is an option.
- 5) Youth / Junior entries
  - a) Models of entrants aged 12 and under will be placed in the Youth categories.
  - b) Models of entrants aged 13 – 17 will be placed in the Junior categories.
- 6) Prebuilt / prefinished commercially available models will not be accepted unless they have been significantly modified and refinished. Documentation of such must be provided to demonstrate changes.
- 7) At registration the entrant must declare what country they are aligned to: Canada or US. This selection will only be used for determination of country winning the competition.
- 8) Best Model of a Canadian or a US Subject will be based on significant markings that demonstrate use by either country. A Canadian or US vehicle used by another country (i.e. Belgian CF-100) will not be eligible. Minimal markings, (like a license plate) is not sufficient to qualify for these awards.
- 9) The Best NASA Award is for any vehicle (spacecraft, aircraft, or other) used (directly or indirectly) by NASA for research purposes. Subject must display markings indicating NASA service.

- 10) The Best Movie Monster is for any model of a monster character in a full length feature film.
- 11) Out of Box Merit Award
  - a) Subject must be built using only parts provided in the kit. Finish and markings are at the discretion of the modeler but no parts can be replaced or added.
  - b) Kit instructions must be provided to attest to the parts provided.
  - c) Parts can be improved. Seams filed and sanded, gun barrels opened up, trailing edges thinned, etc.
- 12) Only 25% of the parts in a Scratch Built category model may be unaltered kit parts.
- 13) The number of subjects (vehicles or figures) will determine in which category an entry is placed. A composition with two or more vehicles and/or more than 5 figures must be entered in the Diorama category. A single vehicle with 3 – 5 full feature figures must be entered in the Vignette category.
- 14) Each component of the diorama or vignette, vehicle and /or figures, will be judge based on the Class guidelines for the vehicle class and for the figures. In addition, presentation and continuity of background equipment, structures, and ground work will be judged for modeling basics, and given equal weight.
- 15) A Diorama has the additional requirement that the composition must directly present a story to the observer and demonstrate actual or pending action. The presentation, the degree that some action (storyline) is implied, and continuity of overall entry has equal weight to model construction basics.
- 16) Single models displayed on a base that do not meet the Vignette or Diorama criteria, no matter how much background detail is provided, will be moved to the Class appropriate to the main subject of the entry. Only the main subject will be judged based on the class guidelines. All other details on the base will be ignored.
- 17) Any questions on model placement, judging guidelines, and judging results should directed to the Contest and Class Head Judges.