



Official BAYCON Show Rules

I. ELIGIBILITY:

- A. The contest is open to all registrants of the BAYCON Show.
- B. Proxy entries are allowed when entered under the name of the builder with appropriate fees paid.
- C. Each entry is to be the sole work of the entrant unless club/group and must be registered as such.
- D. Previous BAYCON award winners, National or Regional award winners may be used in collections, and group entries.
- E. Commercially built or pre-finished models; which do not require significant additional work by the modeler are excluded. Pre-painted models must be noted as such on the entry form.
- F. Entries that are considered by Contest Officials to be inappropriate or offensive to generally acknowledged standards of taste and acceptability according to LOCAL standards will not be permitted.
- G. Models will not be allowed to be removed from the viewing area without prior approval of the "Chief Judge" and / or the "Contest Chairman".
- H. Multiple models, mounted to a single base, as a diorama or vignette, are considered one (1) entry. If multiple models mounted on a single base are to be considered for separate awards, they must be entered as separate models, each with their own entry tag.
- I. The use of plastic is encouraged; however, the use of other modeling materials is allowed as the builder sees fit. Bay Colony judging standards of finish, attention to detail, and authenticity will be the same, regardless of the materials used.
- J. Model entry forms must be displayed with each model. Reference material may be displayed with models, but must be kept to a minimum.
- K. Markings will differentiate between Civil and Military classes, and will also determine if the entry is eligible for any special award(s).

II. Entrant Levels:

- A. Apprentice Level: This level is for models built straight from the box. This does not correlate with the IPMS definition of "Out Of the Box Model". Basically put, you are using the parts from the kit, with no kit bashing, or refining, just gluing together and maybe adding some paint and decals.
- B. Journeyman Level: At this level the modeler is at a more advanced stage. The model requires filling seams, some parts improvement, maybe some kit bashing or part swapping from other kits. Painting is

required and may be applied by brush, spray can, air brush or a combination of these techniques. Appropriate finishes should be used were appropriate such as gloss, matt or flat for the model. All of the work on the model shall be done by the Journeyman entrant.

NOTE: *Modelers entering at the Apprentice or Journeyman Levels are restricted to those levels only.*

- C. Junior Class: The Junior Class will include entrants up thru 15 years of age. Each junior entry will be registered by the modeler under his or her own name. All of the work on the model shall be done by the junior entrant. Assistance by an adult shall be noted on the entry form.

III. CONTEST DEFINITIONS:

- A. Vacuform: Any models made from commercially available vacuform kits or handmade by the modeler. These models may be entered into the Vacuform category or; can be entered into other appropriate categories but will not be given additional credit for vacuform construction.
- B. Scratch built: Any model which is comprised of less than 25 % commercially available parts (wheels, tracks, engines, etc.). The major components must be fabricated by the modeler.
- C. Major Conversions: Major modification of an original kit from its intended mark into a different mark by kit bashing and/or scratch building. Conversions made with parts included with the kit do not denote "Major Conversion".

VI. AWARDS:

- A. First, second, third and fourth place awards will be offered in each category.
- B. Additional awards may be presented, or announced awards may be deleted at the discretion of the BAYCON Committee.
- C. Special awards may be presented for models in Open or Junior classes that best adhere to particular themes.

V. CATEGORIES:

- A. The registrar will assist in determining an entry's class but the final decision rests with the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge may, at the request of the Line Judges, split or combine classes prior to judging, depending on the number of entries. Judges' decisions are final.
- B. Award winners from any Regional or a National contest cannot compete within any standard category other than Masters.
- C. Gliders: There is no Glider category. All Gliders should be placed within the appropriate; scale, size and aircraft era categories.
- D. Rocket Powered Aircraft: There is no Rocket Powered Aircraft category. Consider Rocket Aircraft to be as Jet engine aircraft and enter into the appropriate category.
- E. Vignette: The base size is restricted to 80 square inches or smaller. Vignettes are Figure-centric. They are composed of two to five interrelated figures. Vehicles or other objects may be used but should take up less space than the figures.
- F. Collections: Will be three to five or more models representing a particular theme (e.g. Fokker aircraft, Sherman tanks). The collection will be judged for skill and theme. Each collection is considered one (1) entry.
- G. Miscellaneous: Miscellaneous is for any scale model not covered by any other category. Every attempt should be made to find an appropriate category for a scale model, before placing it into miscellaneous. Final placement is up to the Chief Judge.
- H. Masters: Eligible; any First Place or Special Award winner from a previous BAYCON show, or Award Winner from any Regional or National contest.

VI. JUDGING:

- A. The "Chief Judge" is responsible for appointing line judges and for briefing all the judges regarding Rules and procedures prior to judging.
- B. Any judge finding a model which he or she feels is inappropriate or offensive is to report that model to the Line Judge. The Line Judge will report this to the Chief Judge who will then rule upon its appropriateness. (The complaining judge may request to be reassigned to a different team if he or she would prefer not to judge that model.)
- C. The "Line Judges" are responsible to review their areas to initiate moving of models into their correct categories and to make their judges aware of any anomalies they may encounter.
- D. The judging procedures used at the BAYCON Show will be similar to that employed at the most recent IPMS National Convention. The standard at this time is a 3 member team awarding 3 to 4 placements within a given category. Judging teams will be composed of an odd number of judges. Strict impartiality will be observed.

- E. The No Sweeps rule will be in use. (No Sweeps is defined as an entrant being limited to one award in a category with three or more entrants, or no more than two awards in a category with 2 entrants.)
- F. Anomalies in the judging process must be reported to the Chief Judge prior to the time the awards are finalized.
- G. Models may be displayed on bases, but only the model will be judged, unless the entry qualifies as a diorama, a single figure, etc.
- H. Previously published BACON guidelines are in effect for this show.

VII. HANDLING of MODELS:

- A. It may become necessary for the show committee members (under the direct supervision of the Chief Judge) to adjust placement of models on the display tables due to the varying amount of entries received in the contest categories.
- B. Every effort will be made by the judging staff to judge every model. The Chief Judge and those designated by him will relocate models placed in wrong categories into their correct category.
- C. During judging, some judges may find it necessary to pick up a model to inspect it more closely. If a modeler does not want his/her model to be handled by the judges he/she is to clearly note this on the entry form that accompanies every model in competition.
- D. If displayed on a base, it is strongly recommended by the show committee that models be firmly attached. Please note on entry form if model is not attached to the base.
- E. Handling of models by contest personnel will be kept to an absolute minimum.

VIII. LIABILITY:

- A. Neither the Bay Colony Historical Modelers Association its sponsors, nor the facility owners assume any liability for loss or damage to entries, at, during, or traveling to the event. Handling considerations should be noted prominently on entry forms for judges' consideration.