



## CALMEX COMMITTEE

# Rules and Definitions

### SECTION ONE – Eligibility

1. **Who May enter?**
  - a. Any modeler is eligible to enter any number of models at CALMEX. You do not have to belong to any club to enter a model.
  - b. All work must be the sole work of the individual whose name is on the entry blank.
  - c. Group builds are the only exception to the above rule. (See Section 5 Rule 16)
2. **Proxy Entries.** A person may serve as a 'proxy' to enter models for a contestant not in attendance. The proxy entry must include the builder's name as well as the name of the person serving as Proxy. The cost of a proxy entry (or entries) will be the same as an in-person entry (or entries).
3. **Unattended** children will not be allowed into the event.
4. **Prior winners.** Models that have won in previous CALMEX, I.P.M.S. Region 6, or I.P.M.S. National competition are not eligible for the current contest.
5. **Politicking** pro or con will not be tolerated. Any abuse of this rule may result in disqualification of the offender's model and/or ejection of that person from the contest.
6. **Composition.**
  - a. The use of plastic is encouraged; however the use of other modeling materials is allowed as the builder sees fit.
  - b. The standards of finish and attention to detail will be the same regardless of the material used.
7. **Interpretation.** The CALMEX Contest Director or Head Judge will be the final answer to questions involving the interpretation of these rules and definitions.
8. **Inappropriate entries** may be excluded/removed from the event by CALMEX officials.
9. **Adults** are anyone 18 years of age and older.
10. **Juniors and Pre-teens.**
  - a. Juniors: Anyone 13 to 17 years of age.
  - b. Pre-teens: Anyone 12 years old and younger.
  - c. Juniors and Pre-Teen may enter their models in the senior divisions; however, models entered in senior categories will not be eligible for any special Junior-Class awards.
11. **Category Splits.**
  - a. Categories may be collapsed or split at the discretion of the judging committee, before the contests begins or while the contest is in progress, in order to better balance the composition of the categories.
  - b. For a split there needs to be four or more entries in each of the split categories and by at least two different modelers.
12. **No Sweeps Rules Applies.** An individual may only place in 2 out of the 3 places in any one category unless that person is the only entrant in that category.
13. **Monetary Awards.** There will be no monetary award for entering our contest.
14. **Special Awards.** In addition to the standard "best of" awards we have:
  - a. James Domino Award is for Imagination in Scale Modeling.
  - b. John Brewer Award is for Best Large Scale Aircraft 1914 to 1945.

## Section Two – Registration and Table Display Forms

### 1. Entrants.

- a. Entrants will note on the table display form if the model is not attached to the base, in case the judges have to move it.
- b. When filling out the forms make sure they are completely filled out and print legibly in block letters.
- c. When putting table display forms under the model on the table, be sure judges can read contestant number and model number.

### 2. Registration Forms.

- a. Please PRINT LEGIBLY (that means so we can read it) Please enter all information in block letters.
- b. Leave the space for contestant number blank.
- c. List all models you are entering, one model per line. Note the scale, category number, manufacturer, and name for each in the appropriate spaces.
- d. If you have any questions about in which category to enter your model, ask for help from one of the CALMEX staff members.
- e. We've added a total cost column to help you figure out the total cost based on how many models you enter.

### 3. Model Table Display Forms.

- a. CALMEX registration desk will add your contestant number to the forms during registration process and must be included before placement on the table with your entry.
- b. Each model you have listed on the contestant registration summary form must have a table display form with it. It must be filled in completely with contestant number, model number and category number. If not, it may be disqualified. The information on the table display form should correspond to that recorded on the contestant registration summary form. Please double check.
- c. If your model is eligible for the theme award, let the registration desk know so they can place the proper sticker on the table display form.
- d. Position the table display forms so the judges can read the category, contestant and model numbers as well as the name of the model.

## Section Three – Judging

### 1. All Judges' Decisions are Final.

- a. The Head Judge will organize and oversee the judging process of the show.
- b. The Category Head Judges will be chosen by CALMEX.
- c. The Head Judge will have a meeting with the Category Head Judges (about 12 PM) prior to the general Judges meeting.
- d. The Head Judge will brief all judges before the show judging commences (12:30PM).
- e. All Category Head judges will check their categories prior to judging to see if there are any splits to be made or models in the wrong category.
- f. Anyone wanting to learn how to judge a model may join a judging team as an observer.
- g. Young modelers may not serve as voting judges, but may be assigned to judging team as participating observers for learning experience.
- h. Judging teams should be made up of three members from other IPMS chapters as well as other model related clubs, societies or organizations.
- i. Judges will be selected based on their knowledge and modeling competence.
- j. If the Judges feel a model is in the wrong category they will check with the Head Judge to see if the model should be moved.
- k. An effort will be made to inform the contestant of the decision, and they may discuss it with the judges.
- l. Strict impartiality shall be observed and violators may be removed immediately from judging and from the judges' list for future contests at CALMEX.
- m. It is recognized that judges are volunteer hobbyists who are offering their time in support of the show and modeling hobby in general. The judges will take their role seriously and apply their expertise to the best of their ability.
- n. While judges are encouraged to discuss with entrants their decisions in making the awards, they do so of their own free will.
- o. Judges may not judge a category in which they are entered.
- p. No one may judge a "Best of" Award if they have a model being considered.
- q. Judges will make every effort not to touch the models. However, category splits and crowding often makes this impossible. If you must handle a model, do so with extreme care.
- r. Judges will not assume that the model is attached to the base.
- s. Judging criteria is based on IPMS contest rules. Our criteria follows:
  1. **Craftsmanship.** Basic construction, including the proper filling of gaps and seams, removal of flash, mold and glue marks as well as the alignment of wheels and wings is essential.
  2. **Finishing.** Paint and decal application as well as correctness of other detailing well be considered.

3. **Weathering.** It is inherently neither good nor bad. The application and consistency of the weathering is a factor to be considered.
4. **Aftermarket parts.** The addition of these items will not automatically make the model better than any other.

## Section Four: Contest Definitions

1. **Pre-Painted Models** will not be allowed.
2. **Out of the Box (OOB) (Box Stock).** Any model may be entered in OOB, as long as it complies with the following:
  - a. OOB Entries may only use parts provided with the kit.
  - b. No scratch-built parts or parts from other kits or aftermarket parts allowed.
  - c. **Kits must have the instructions on display with the model, or be disqualified.**
  - d. If provided with the kit, non-plastic parts may be used.
  - e. Decals other than those included with the kit may be substituted.
  - f. Insignia markings, and instrument panels may be painted instead of using decals.
  - g. Weathering is permitted.
  - h. No limitation on type and scale, and era. (ASAE).
3. **Bases.**
  - a. Any model entered may have a base.
  - b. The bases will not be judged, except in the diorama and vignettes categories.
  - c. We use the I.P.M.S. rules for bases (I.P.M.S. Rules Sec II – 14-15).
  - d. Any oversized bases may be disqualified.
  - e. Any figures included in the entry will not be judged, except in the diorama or vignette categories.
4. **Cases/Covered Entries.**
  - a. Models may be covered by a case while on general public display.
  - b. Any cover must be removed from the models for judging.
5. **Missiles.**
  - a. All vehicles carrying missiles or rockets (e.g. Lacrosse, SCUD) will be placed in the appropriate artillery division. All missiles in flight attitude or on landing gear will be entered in the appropriate aircraft category. Missiles which are used in space research that originated from a military vehicle will be placed in the appropriate space category.
  - b. Any missiles on launch pad or launch trailer will be judged as one unit.
6. **Scratch-Built (1500).**
  - a. Scratch-built model refers to models built primarily from parts or materials unrelated to their original identity and not significantly derived from any existing kit. Parts from other kits may be incorporated where their original identity has been changed or altered.
  - b. The builder must describe in detail the additions/changes made to the base kit on the entry sheet or accompanying documentation.
7. **Conversions (1500).**
  - a. Conversions must represent a version different from that provided by the basic kit.
  - b. The conversion must contain significant structural modifications to the basic kit involving changes in the contour or configuration of the original kit.
  - c. Any simple conversion may be entered into any category.
  - d. More extensive conversions must be entered into the appropriate conversion category.
  - e. The builder must describe in detail the conversion changes made to the base kit on the entry sheet or accompanying documentation.
8. **Hypothetical (1500)** will be governed by I.P.M.S. Rules (Sec III – 4).

## Section Five: Categories Explained

Most categories are self-explanatory; the following is further explanation.

1. **Aircraft 100.**
  - a. **Category 113 (Rotary/Tilt)** includes civil and military rotary/tilt wing.
  - b. **Category 115 (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles)** includes any drones, flying bombs, winged missiles (whether prop or jet), and designed to fly in the earth's atmosphere without carrying a crew.

2. **Armor 200.**
  - a. **Category 205 (Open Top).**
  - b. Does not include a tank with an open hatch.
  - c. Models of the same general scale, i.e. 1/32 & 1/35 armor are grouped together.
  - d. Figures will not be judged. Only the vehicle will be judged unless they are in the appropriate diorama category for judging.
3. **Automotive 300.**
  - a. **Category 301 (Factory Stock)** is any vehicle built as it left the factory.
  - b. **Category 302 (Street Rods to 1948)** is for any street legal vehicle that has been mechanically modified for increased performance.
  - c. **Category 303 (Street Machines, 1949 to present)** same as Street Rods except 1949 to Present.
  - d. **Category 304 (Competition Open Wheel)** includes race cars with no fenders.
  - e. **Category 305 (Competition Covered Wheeled)** includes race cars with fenders.
  - f. **Category 306 (Competition Straight Line)** includes any drag cars.
  - g. **Category 308 (Exotic)** is for vehicles manufactured outside the U.S.A.
  - h. **Category 309 (Customs)** must represent a version that has a major body modification so that it is no longer stock in appearance. The vehicles does not have to be street legal. Factory concept or experimental cars will be included in this class. The conversion must contain significant structural modifications to the basic kit.
  - i. **Category 312 (Commercial).**
    1. Any vehicle that has a company name or logo on it.
    2. This category will also include construction equipment.
  - j. **Category 313 (Curbside).**
    1. This category is judged as if the vehicle is parked at the curb.
    2. The model must be displayed with hood, trunk, all doors, etc. closed.
    3. No motorcycles are allowed in this category.
    4. Mirrored bases are not allowed.
    5. The underside of the model will not be judged.
4. **Category 600 (Figures).**
  - a. Figures will only be judged in the figure, diorama or vignette categories.
  - b. The model may be made of any material.
  - c. Any accessories provided in the figure kit will not cause the figure to be classed as a diorama/vignette.
  - d. Gundams, robots and mechanical units will be placed in their appropriate science fiction categories, 505, 506 or 507.
5. **Category 700 (Dioramas).**
  - a. Should tell a story.
  - b. If any motorized vehicle/s or five or more figures are included the entry will be considered a diorama.
  - c. Dioramas are judged not only on the technical merit of their construction but also on the strength of the theme of the story they present.
  - d. Oversized bases may be disqualified.
6. **Category 800 (Vignettes)** are a grouping of five or fewer figures and their equipment (including non-motorized vehicles) displayed in an appropriate setting.
7. **Category 900 (Humor).** Models that are entered in the Humor category will be judged on both their humor content and model construction.
8. **Category 1000 (Collections)** are a group of five or more closely related items connected by any specific link or theme. i.e. variants of a single airframe, a collection of same type of model.
9. **Category 1100 (Miscellaneous)** includes any model that does not fit any other category.
10. **Category 1200 (Juniors).** See Section One – Rule 5.
11. **Category 1300 (Pre-Teens).** See Section One – Rule 5.
12. **Category 1400 (Wargaming).** Wargaming pieces are limited to models in a scale/size normally found in use during the play of fantasy and/or historical games or role playing, and may be entered either in category 1400 or in another appropriate category at the discretion of the entrant.
13. **Category 1500 (Conversions, Scratchbuilt and Hypothetical).** See Section Four - Rules 6, 7 and 8.
14. **Category 1600 (Groups Builds).** The chapter/group entry shall be the only exception to the rule calling for the model making work to be done by a single individual.
15. **Category 1700 (Theme).** On special themes we will use this category for theme awards.