



OmaCon Contest Rules



General

- The contest is open to all attendees who register and pay the contest entry fee. IPMS membership is encouraged but not required.
- All contest entries must be the work of the individual registered unless you are entering models as a proxy. A proxy entry requires a separate registration form and entry fee if you are also entering your own models.
- Due to contest room space limitations:
 - Each entrant is limited to no more than 3 entries per category.
 - There is no display-only category or section. All models brought must be entered into the contest.
- Entrants are strongly encouraged to leave their models in the contest room until the awards presentation is over and the attendees have had the maximum opportunity to view them.
- Models that have won 3rd-place or higher awards in any category of a previous IPMS/USA National, IPMS/USA Regional Model Contest or OmaCon may not be entered in the contest. Previously winning individual models may be used as part of a diorama entry.
- The chief judge may exclude or remove from competition any entry considered by contest officials to be inappropriate or offensive to generally acknowledged standards of taste and acceptability.
- The IPMS Fort Crook Chapter, its members, and officers assume no liability or responsibility in case of accidents involving attendees, equipment, merchandise, models, displays or for property lost, stolen or damaged during the show.

Contest Divisions

- Adults – 18 and up
- Juniors – 17 years and younger
 - Attendees 17 and under may enter adult division categories but they must register as adult and pay the appropriate entry fee.

Categories

- OmaCon contest categories are grouped by classes that represent major modeling interests. The contest classes are as follows:
 - Aircraft
 - Military Vehicles
 - Figures
 - Ships
 - Automotive
 - Space/Sci-Fi/Anime
 - Diorama
 - Juniors
- Any entry that does not fit in the contest classes above will be entered in the Miscellaneous category.
- Categories may be modified as necessary on the day of the show at the discretion of the chief judge. Category splits will be determined by contest officials based on what entries are present.
- A model may only be entered in one category. If a model is eligible for multiple categories, the entrant will select which category they want the model to complete in. Contest officials will assist in determining the correct category if necessary. Models may be moved to a more appropriate category at the discretion of contest officials.
- Markings will determine the category in which a model is entered if necessary (e.g., civil vs. military, historical era, etc.)
- Out-of-the-box die-cast or pre-finished models are not allowed in any category.
- Models built to scales other than those specified in the category list shall be placed in the nearest appropriate scale category as follows:
 - Aircraft
 - 1/144: 1/82 and smaller
 - 1/72: 1/81 to 1/60
 - 1/48: 1/59 to 1/40

- 1/32: 1/39 and larger
- Military Vehicles
 - 1/72: 1/60 and smaller
 - 1/48: 1/59 to 1/36
 - 1/35: 1/35 and larger
- Category 001 - Biplanes also includes aircraft that are predominantly fabric, struts, and rigging regardless of the number of wings (e.g. Fokker Eindecker, Sopwith Triplane)
- Manned, rocket-powered vehicles such as the Me-163, X-1, X-15, etc. will be entered in the jet aircraft categories.
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) will be entered in jet, prop or rotary wing categories as appropriate.
- Tilt-rotor aircraft (e.g., V-22 Osprey, XV-15) will be placed in Category 012 - Rotary Wing
- 1/35 armored fighting vehicles (AFV) with open hatches that expose the interior of the model will be entered in Category 019 – Full Tracks, Open-Top AFVs. A figure may be placed in the open hatch to obstruct the view of the interior which will allow the model to be entered in Closed-Top AFV categories.
- Simple bases and primary crew figures are allowed in all categories and will not be considered during judging. However, the addition of any other figures, vehicles, support equipment, and/or external structures will make the entry a diorama and it must be entered in the diorama category.

Judging

- IPMS/USA rules will be used to judge contest entries. General judging criteria include: basic construction, overall finish, additional detailing, and degree of difficulty. See the [IPMS/USA Modelers' Guide to IPMS Competitions](#) for more detailed information.
- OmaCon welcomes all interested attendees to help with judging. No prior experience is required. All prospective judges must attend the judges' meeting at 12 PM or make separate arrangements with the chief judge to receive the judge's briefing to be eligible to be part of a judging team.
- Judging teams will consist of at least two individuals.
- Judges shall not judge their own work and must notify the chief judge or team leader if assigned to a category that includes their own entry.

- Models may be covered by a display case during viewing but the case must be removed when judging starts. Failure to remove the case may result in the entry being excluded from judging.
- Entries may be handled by judges as required for proper category placement and during judging. Handling of models will be kept to the minimum extent necessary.
- All judges' determinations are final.

Awards

- First-, Second-, and Third-place awards will be given in each category. Individual contestants are eligible for only one award per category entered. No category "sweeps" are allowed, even if a category has only three entries, but only one or two entrants.
- Special Awards:
 - "Best of Show" awards will be presented to the most outstanding entry in each contest class and will be selected from among the First-place winners in each class category.
 - The "Judges Grand Award" will be presented to the best overall entry in the contest and is chosen from among the Best of Show Award recipients and First-place winner in the Miscellaneous category by vote of the contest judges, led by the chief judge.
 - The "Most Popular Award" will go to the model that receives the most ballots thorough voting. Any entry in any class or category is eligible and all attendees may vote for this award.
 - The Theme Award winner will be selected by contest officials from among the models that qualify for this year's OmaCon contest theme.
 - The "America Strikes Back" Award is given to the model chosen by contest officials that best exemplifies the American Spirit.
- All awards must be picked up at the contest.