



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 entering models as a proxy. A proxy entry requires a separate registration form and entry fee if you are also entering your own models.
- Contest entrants may enter models in as many categories as they desire, but are limited to no more than 3 entries per category. There will be a display-only area for any additional models the entrant would like to show. Models intended for the display area do not need to be registered.
- Entrants are strongly encouraged to leave their models in the contest room until after the awards presentation, so all attendees have the maximum opportunity to view.
- Models that have won 3rd-place or higher awards in any category of a previous IPMS/USA National Contest, IPMS/USA Regional Contest, or OmaCon may not be entered in the contest; however, previously winning individual models may be used as part of a new diorama entry and models used in a winning diorama or collection may compete individually.
- 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 officers, and members 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 older
- Juniors – 17 years and younger
 - Attendees 17 and under may enter adult division categories but they must register as

an adult and pay the appropriate entry fee.

Categories

- OmaCon contest categories are grouped by classes that represent major modeling interests. The contest classes are:
 - Juniors
 - Aircraft
 - Military Vehicles
 - Figures
 - Ships
 - Automotive
 - Space and Science Fiction
 - Gunpla and Mecha
 - Diorama
- Any entry that does not fit in the classes above will be entered in Category 900 (Miscellaneous).
- The category list will be published in advance on the Fort Crook website (fortcrookipms.com) and will also be available at registration. Categories may be modified as necessary on the day of the show by the chief judge. Categories may also be split into two or more sub-categories, if warranted. The use and naming of splits will be based on the number and type of models entered in a category and will be determined prior to the start of judging.
- Entrants shall select the category from the list that they feel best fits their model at registration. Contest officials may move models to a more appropriate category during review of entries prior to the start of judging.
- A model may be entered in only one category. If a model is eligible for multiple categories, the entrant will select which category they want the model to complete.
- Markings will determine the correct category for a model, if necessary (e.g., civil vs.

military, historical era, etc.)

- Out-of-the-box, 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
- 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.
- Aircraft Category Specific Rules
 - Category 101 (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 Me-163, X-1, X-15, etc. will be entered in the jet aircraft categories.
 - Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), including winged 'airplane-type' missiles, will be entered in jet, propeller, or rotary wing categories as appropriate.
 - Tilt-rotor aircraft (e.g., V-22 Osprey, XV-15) will be placed in Category 113 (Rotary

Wing)

- Military Vehicle Category Specific Rules
 - 1/35 fully-tracked armored fighting vehicles with open hatches that expose the interior of the model will be entered in Category 206 (Full Tracks, Open-Top). 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 either Category 204 (Full-tracks, Closed-top, up to 1945) or Category 205 (Full-tracks, Closed-top, post-1945).
 - Category 209 (Artillery) includes fixed, towed, and self-propelled guns, mortars, and cannons, railroad guns, and rocket and missile systems with transport vehicle or launcher. Towed guns may include the prime mover and/or limber if attached by tow hitch or other connection. Standalone military ballistic missiles (e.g. V-2, ICBMs, IRBMs) will be placed in Category 601 (Real Space).
- Gunpla and Mecha Category Specific Rules
 - Gunpla and Mecha class includes powered sci-fi robots, armor or machines, with limbed features and/or humanoid/animal-like construction. Gunpla refers to models from the Gundam franchise made by Bandai while mecha covers models from other franchises such as Maschinen Krieger, Macross, VOTOMS, Transformers, Zoids, etc. made by various companies.
 - Certain Gunpla and mecha subjects can be reconfigured into alternate modes giving the appearance of aircraft, spacecraft, ground vehicles, etc. Such models in these transformed modes are also included in this class provided the mecha components are clearly recognizable in this mode. Transformed models that are indistinguishable from regular vehicles, such as Macross Valkyries in fighter mode and Transformers in vehicle form, should be entered in Category 602 (Science Fiction & Fantasy vehicles).
 - Entries in this class may contain or display an operator figure if it is not the dominant part of the entry.
 - Mecha does not refer to human-sized, form-fitting powered armor such as Iron Man's suit or Warhammer Space Marines. These subjects shall be entered in Category 300 (Figures).
 - Subjects from mecha franchises that do not meet the class definition above will be entered into the appropriate science fiction or figure categories.

- Models entered in Category 701 (Gunpla and Mecha, unpainted) may make use of panel lining products to highlight molded details and clear top coats; however, no other painting is allowed in this 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 models, but only one or two entrants.
- Special Awards:
 - The **Theme Award** winner is selected by contest officials from all entries that qualify for OmaCon's contest theme. OmaCon 2026's theme is "Need for Speed"
 - The **America 250 Award** is given to the model chosen by contest officials that best exemplifies the American Spirit. The *America 250 Award* takes the place of the normal

America Strikes Back award in 2026 in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.

- ***Best-of-Class Awards*** are presented to the most outstanding entry in each contest class and are selected from among the First-place winners in each class category.
 - ***Most Popular Award*** goes 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.
 - ***Judges Grand Award*** is presented to the best overall entry in the contest and is chosen from among the Best-of-Class Award recipients and the first-place winner in the Miscellaneous category by vote of the contest judges, led by the chief judge.
- All awards must be picked up at the contest.