

Listed below are the official classes and categories for the 2024 IPMS/USA National Contest. A PDF copy of the official classes and categories can be downloaded [here](#).

Sponsorships

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0. Juniors

Tom Kolk Best Junior Sponsored By: [IPMS/West Michigan Chapter - Grand Rapids, MI](#)

Aircraft

Sponsored By:

10	Pre-teen	John Bercaw
11	Teen	John Bercaw

Military Vehicles

20	Pre-teen	IPMS/M.O.S.S. Missouri Ozarks Scale Specialists - Branson, MO
21	Teen	Mike and Marie Van Schoonhoven

Figures

30	Pre-teen	John Maxwell, IPMS/Hawkeye Modelers - Des Moines, IA
32	Teen	IPMS/Salem - Salem, OR

Ships

40	Pre-teen & Teen	IPMS/Salem - Salem, OR; in Memory of Ronald Painter
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Automotive

50	Pre-teen & Teen	<u>IPMS/Sonoran Desert Model Builders Club - Tucson, AZ</u>
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Real Space & Science Fiction

60	Pre-teen & Teen	<u>IPMS/Sonoran Desert Model Builders Club - Tucson, AZ</u>
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Dioramas

70	Pre-teen & Teen	<u>IPMS/CoMMIES - Lakewood, CO</u>
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Miscellaneous (including Gundams)

80	Pre-Teen	<u>IPMS/Capitol Area Modelers Society - Lansing, MI</u>
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81	Teen	<u>IPMS/Richard I. Bong - Milwaukee, WI</u>
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I. Aircraft

Ken Robert Best Aircraft Award Sponsored By: [Phil Perry/Mike Brickman in Memoriam of Don Harris](#)

Biplanes

Sponsored By:

101	Small, 1/72 Scale and smaller	<u>IPMS/Kalamazoo Scale Modelers in Memoriam of Clarence Wentzel</u>
103A	Large, 1/48	<u>IPMS/Lincoln-Scott Sumsion Chapter - Lincoln, NE</u>

103B	Large, 1/32	<u>Joseph Youngerman</u>
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Small Prop, Single Engine Aircraft

105-A	1/72: US/Allied Inline	<u>IPMS/Albuquerque Scale Modelers - Albuquerque, NM</u>
105-B	1/72: US/Allied Radial	<u>IPMS/Northeast New York - Glenville, NY</u>
105-C	1/72: Axis Inline	<u>James & June Kelley</u>
105-D	1/72: Axis Radial	<u>IPMS/Denver-Rob Wolf - Denver, CO; in Memory of Terry Tuytschsevers</u>
106	1/72: Basic Kit Build	<u>IPMS/Gator Modelers - Gainesville, FL</u>
107-A	1/48: US/Allied Inline	<u>The Sultans of Sprue - Hammond, IN</u>
107-B	1/48: US/Allied Radial	<u>IPMS/Quad City Modelers in Memoriam of Bob Fender</u>
107-C	1/48: Axis Inline	<u>IPMS/Memphis - Memphis, TN</u>

107-D	1/48: Axis Radial	<u>IPMS/Roanoke Valley - Roanoke, VA</u>
108	1/48: Basic Kit Build	<u>IPMS/Des Moines Hawkeye Modelers - Des Moines, IA</u>

Medium Prop, Two Engine Aircraft

111	1/72	<u>IPMS - Capt. James J. McKinstry Chapter - Buffalo Grove, IL</u>
113	1/48	<u>Mike Schine</u>

Large Prop, Multi-Engine Aircraft

115	1/72	<u>IPMS/Twin City Aero Historians - South Saint Paul, MN</u>
117	1/48	<u>IPMS/HAMILTON Canadian Warplane Heritage Modellers Club - Hamilton, Ontario, Canada</u>

Medium & Large Prop, Multi-Engine Aircraft

118	1/72: Basic Kit Build	<u>IPMS – Capt. James I. McKinstry Chapter - Buffalo Grove, IL</u>
120	1/48: Basic Kit Build	<u>Scott and Nancy Hackney</u>

Small Jet

121	1/72	<u>Jack Wyzlic Polish Coast Watchers - Peoria, IL</u>
122	1/72: Basic Kit Build	<u>Jeffry Dobbins, CPA</u>
125	1/48	<u>IPMS/M.O.S.S. Missouri Ozarks Scale Specialists - Branson, MO</u>
126	1/48: Basic Kit Build	<u>Max Afterburner Channel</u>

Large Jet

129	1/72	<u>Arthur Murray</u>
130	1/72: Basic Kit Build	<u>Walt Fink in Memory Of Wayne Wachsmuth</u>
131	1/48	<u>IPMS/Twin City Aero Historians - South Saint Paul, MN</u>

132	1/48: Basic Kit Build	<u>Max Afterburner Channel</u>
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1/32 Aircraft

135	Propeller-Driven	<u>Walter Splitt in Memory of Charles Metz</u>
137	Jet-Powered	<u>Max Afterburner Channel</u>
138	Jet-Powered & Prop-Driven: Basic Kit Build	<u>IPMS/Duneland - Porter, IN</u>

1/144 Aircraft

141	Small	<u>Fred & Bobbi Hall</u>
143	Large	<u>IPMS/Fort Crook - Omaha, NE</u>
144	Basic Kit Build	<u>Jeffry Dobbins, CPA</u>

Rotary Wing (civil or military)

151	1/144 and 1/72	<u>John Bercaw</u>
153	1/48 and 1/32	<u>IPMS/Chicago Sprue Stretchers - Chicago, IL</u>
154	Basic Kit Build	<u>IPMS/Washington DC Chapter - Washington D.C.</u>

Civil, Sport, Racing, and Air Taxis

157	1/144 and 1/72	<u>IPMS/Western</u> <u>Reserve Chapter -</u> <u>Euclid, OH</u>
161	1/48 and 1/32	<u>IPMS/Jim Galloway</u> <u>Chapter - Peachtree</u> <u>City, GA</u>
162	Basic Kit Build	<u>IPMS/Roscoe</u> <u>Turner Chapter -</u> <u>Indianapolis, IN</u>

Airliners, Airliner Types, and Airships

163	1/144	<u>IPMS/Jim Galloway</u> <u>Chapter - Peachtree</u> <u>City, GA</u>
165	1/72, 1/48, and 1/32	<u>In memory of Dan</u> <u>Levy</u>
166	Basic Kit Build	<u>IPMS/Lakes Region</u> <u>Scale Modelers -</u> <u>Crystal Lake, IL</u>

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

167	All entries	<u>IPMS/Alamo</u> <u>Squadron - San</u> <u>Antonio, TX</u>
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Elevated Displays

175	All Entries	<u>IPMS/Northern Virginia Modelers - Fairfax, VA</u>
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Vacuum-formed

181	All entries	<u>Walter Splitt and John Durante in Memory of Bill Koster</u>
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Conversions

183	All entries	<u>Alec Krikava</u>
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Scratch-Built

185	All entries	<u>IPMS/Delaware Valley Scale Modelers - NE Philadelphia, PA</u>
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II. Military Vehicles

Art Gerber Best Military Vehicle Award Sponsored By: [Black Widow Model Disposal Co.](#)

1/35 Military Vehicles (including tanks, assault guns, and self-propelled guns) Sponsored By:

200-A	Closed-top AFVs, through Korea, Axis Light and Medium	<u>Robert Riccitelli Jr in memory of Mark Ford</u>
200-B	Closed-top AFVs, through Korea, Axis Heavy	<u>IPMS/Mad City Modelers - Madison, WI; In</u>

		<i>Memory of Scott Hoffland</i>
200-C	Closed-top AFVs, through Korea, Allied	<u>IPMS/Baltimore</u> - <u>Bel Air, MD</u>
200-D	Closed-top AFVs, through Korea, Other	<u>Michael Mummey</u> <u>MSgt, USMC Ret</u>
201-A	Closed-top AFVs, post-Korea, NATO	<u>John Lewis, COL</u> <u>USMC Retired</u>
201-B	Closed-top AFVs, post-Korea, Warsaw-Pact and Russian	<u>IPMS/Washington</u> <u>DC Chapter</u> - <u>Washington D.C.</u>
201-C	Closed-top AFVs, post-Korea, Other	<u>IPMS/Gator</u> <u>Modelers</u> - <u>Gainesville, FL</u>
206-A	Open-top AFVs or AFVs with Interiors, Axis	<u>IPMS/Brooklyn</u> <u>Plastic Modelers</u> <u>Society - Brooklyn,</u> <u>NY</u>
206-B	Open-top AFVs or AFVs with Interiors, Allied	<u>IPMS/ZIA Scale</u> <u>Modelers - Rio</u> <u>Rancho, NM</u>
206-C	Open-top AFVs or AFVs with Interiors, Other	
209	Armored Cars	<i>In Memory of Jerry Ben</i>
210	Armored Halftracks	<u>Fredericksburg</u> <u>AMPS</u> - <u>Fredericksburg, VA</u>

211-A	Soft-skinned Military Vehicles, Jeeps	"The Rays: The Model Couple"
211-B	Soft-skinned Military Vehicles, Other	IPMS/Northern Virginia Modelers - Fairfax, VA

1/48 Military Vehicles

212	Tracked	IPMS/Fort Crook - Omaha, NE
213	Wheeled	IPMS/High Plains Modelers - Loveland, CO

1/72 Military Vehicles

218-A	Fully Tracked, through Korea, Allied	High Altitude Armor Modelers, Colorado Springs, CO
218-B	Fully Tracked, through Korea, Axis	
219	Fully Tracked, post Korea	IPMS/Oregon Mid Valley Modelers - Lebanon, OR
220	Armored Cars and Armored Half-tracks	Alec Krikava
221	Soft-skinned Military Vehicles	"The Septemberists"

Artillery Pieces

223	All entries	<u>IPMS/Quad City Modelers in Memoriam of Bob Horton</u>
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Conversions and Scratch-Built

228	All entries	<u>Brian Eberle and 3 Rivers AMPS</u>
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Kit-Bash Conversions

229	All entries	<u>IPMS/Aces Wild - Spokane, WA</u>
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Multi- or Towed Vehicles, non-diorama display

235	All entries	
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Basic Kit Build

240-A	1/35 Closed-top AFVs, through Korea, Axis	<u>IPMS/Plastic Surgeons - West Des Moines, IA</u>
240-B	1/35 Closed-top AFVs, through Korea, Other	<u>In Memory of Jim Carson</u>
241	1/35 Open-top AFVs and AFVs with Interiors	<u>IPMS/Granite State Modelers - Nashua, NH</u>
242	1/35 Armored Cars and Half-tracks, Soft-Skinned Vehicles	<u>IPMS/Niagara Frontier - Buffalo, NY</u>
244	1/48 AFVs, Open- and Closed-top	<u>Bruce Culver</u>

245	1/48 Armored Cars, Half-tracks, and Soft-skinned Vehicles	Bruce Culver
246	1/72 AFVs, Open- and Closed-top	
247	1/72 Armored Cars, Half-tracks, and Soft-skinned Vehicles	Ronald Odell

III. Figures

Best Figure Sponsored By: [IPMS/Stateline Area Modelers - Durand, IL](#)

Dismounted and Mounted

Sponsored By:

300	53mm and smaller	
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Dismounted

305-A	54mm - 70mm, Pre-1900	Mezzeppa's 3D Modeling
305-B	54mm to 70mm, 1900 to Present	
306-A	71mm and Larger, Pre-1900	IPMS/Niagara Frontier - Buffalo, NY
306-B	71mm and Larger, 1900 to Present	

Mounted or With Mount

312	54mm and Larger	IPMS/Des Moines Hawkeye Modelers - Des Moines, IA
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Conversions and Scratch-Built

317	All entries	
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Fantasy & Science Fiction

322	53mm and Smaller: Fantasy & Sci-Fi	Judy and Peter Palombi
323-A	54mm - 120mm: Fantasy	IPMS/Northern Virginia Modelers - Fairfax, VA

323-B	54mm - 120mm: Science Fiction	IPMS/Northern Virginia Modelers - Fairfax, VA
325	121mm and larger: Fantasy & Sci-Fi	IPMS/CoMMiES - Lakewood, CO

Busts

327	Pre-1900	IPMS/Roc City Scale Modelers - Rochester, NY
328	1900 to Present	IPMS/Plastic Surgeons - West Des Moines, IA; In Memory of Don Barry
329-A	Fantasy	IPMS/First Coast - Jacksonville, FL
329-B	Science Fiction and Others	IPMS/Northern Virginia Modelers - Fairfax, VA

IV. Ships

Best Ship Sponsored By: [IPMS/Butch O'Hare Model Club - Chicago, IL](#)

Aircraft Carriers

Sponsored By:

400	1/700	IPMS/New Jersey - Garwood, NJ
401	1/350	IPMS/Roanoke Valley - Roanoke, VA

Battleships, Battlecruisers, and Cruisers

402	1/700	Bathtub Admirals
403	1/350	IPMS/Marietta Scale Modelers in memory of James Corley - Marietta, GA

Other Surface Ships, smaller than cruiser-sized

404	1/700	IPMS/Roscoe Turner Chapter - Indianapolis, IN
405	1/350	"In memory of Mark Hoffman"

Sailing

407	All entries	David Lockhart
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Early Steam and Sail

408	All entries	IPMS/Alexander Lippisch Chapter - Cedar Rapids, IA
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Submarines

412	1/700	Michael McFadden
413	1/350	IPMS/Tidewater - Hampton, VA
415	1/72	IPMS/Livonia - Livonia, MI

Boats, Speedboats, Motor Torpedo Boats, Motor Patrol Boats

418	All entries	<i>In memory of GM2 James Kelley, PT 466, RON 31</i>
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Naval Technology

420	All entries	
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Conversions and Scratch-Built

423	All entries	
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Basic Kit Build

426	All Entries	
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V. Automotive

Best Automotive Sponsored By: *IPMS/Oklahoma Historical Modelers Society -
Norman, OK*

Factory Production

Sponsored By:

500	1/32	
501-A	1/24, 1959 and older body	<i>Mind of the Married Modeler</i>
501-B	1/24, 1960 and newer body; U.S. manufacturer	<i>IPMS/Capitol Area Modelers Society - Lansing, MI</i>
501-C	1/24, 1960 and newer body; Foreign manufacturer	<i>IPMS/Denver-Rob Wolf - Denver, CO; in Memory of Terry Tuytschsevers</i>

Hot Rods, Street Rods, and Street Machines

506	Hot Rods and Street Rods	<u>IPMS/Roanoke Valley - Roanoke, VA</u>
507	Street Machine	<u>Kowboy Kustoms - Dayton, IA</u>

Customs

512	All entries	<u>IPMS/High Plains Modelers - Loveland, CO</u>
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Competition Vehicles

516	1/32	
517-A	1/24, Drag Racing, Modified Street and Purpose Built	<u>IPMS/Plastic Surgeons - West Des Moines, IA</u>
517-B	1/24, Open Wheel	<u>IPMS/Marietta Scale Modelers in memory of Bill Ficke - Marietta, GA</u>
517-C	1/24, Closed Wheel	<u>IPMS/Roscoe Turner Chapter - Indianapolis, IN</u>

Large Scale

529	1/16	
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Conversions & Scratch-Built

534	All entries	<u>IPMS/Grand Strand Scale Modelers - Myrtle Beach, SC</u>
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Documented Replicas

535	All entries	
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Commercial Vehicles

539	Light Commercial	<u>IPMS/Glue Brothers - Des Moines, IA</u>
540	Heavy Commercial; On-Highway Use	<u>"CK Mod Kits"</u>
541	Heavy Construction & Farm Equipment; Off-Highway	

Motorcycles

545	All Entries	<u>IPMS/Gator Modelers - Gainesville, FL</u>
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Curbside

550	All Entries	<u>David Von Almen, In Memory of Larry Huff</u>
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Automotive Technology & Culture

580	All entries	
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Basic Kit Build

590	Factory Production	<u>IPMS/Mid Michigan Model Makers - Saginaw, MI</u>
591	Hot Rods, Street Rods, Street Machines, Customs and Competitions	<u>Todd Jackson in Memory of his Father Bobby Jackson of Franklin Tennessee</u>

VI. Space and Science Fiction Vehicles

Best Space/Science Fiction Sponsored By: [IPMS/Huntsville Plastic Modelers Society - Huntsville, AL](#)

Real Spacecraft, Missiles, and Vehicles (kits and scratch-built)

Sponsored By:

600	Real Spacecraft, Missiles, and Vehicles	<u>Plastic Model Mojo</u>
601	Hypothetical Design	<u>Space in Miniature</u>

Science Fiction and Fantasy Subjects

605	Star Trek, Space 1999 and Others: From Kits	<u>IPMS/TECHMAGES - East Dundee, IL</u>
606	Star Wars: From Kits	<u>IPMS/Livonia - Livonia, MI</u>

607-A	Gunpla Kits (any scale, unpainted)	
607-B	Gunpla Kits (any scale, painted / customized)	IPMS/Fort Crook - Omaha, NE
608	Mecha (Robots, Etc.): From Kits	
609-A	Other Vehicles or Vessels, Space	Robert Schorry
609-B	Other Vehicles or vessels, other	IPMS/Flying Tigers Scale Model Builders Chapter - New Orleans, LA
610	Conversions and Scratch-built	

Basic Kit Build

628	All Entries	IPMS/Will-Cook Chapter - Chicago, IL
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VII. Miscellaneous

Best Miscellaneous Sponsored By: [IPMS/TECHMAGES - East Dundee, IL](#)

Prehistoric Animals

Sponsored By:

700	Dinosaurs, marine reptiles, flying reptiles, mammals, etc.	IPMS/Three Rivers - Pittsburgh, PA
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Humor in Modeling

710	All entries	BABS (Cleveland Build and BS)
711	Caricatures (Toons, SD, Chibi, Egg-Planes, Weird-Ohs, Roth Monsters, etc)	IPMS/Austin Scale Modeler's

		<u>Society - Austin,</u> <u>TX</u>
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Hypothetical

720	Kit-Based (spurious markings on standard kit) TBD	
721	Kit-Bashed / Scratch-built	<u>James Pernikoff</u>

Triathlon

730	All entries	<u>IPMS/Roanoke</u> <u>Valley - Roanoke,</u> <u>VA</u>
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Collections

740	All entries	<u>Jeffry Dobbins,</u> <u>CPA</u>
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IPMS Chapter/Group Entry

750	All entries	
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Miscellaneous

760	All entries	
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Basic Kit Build

770	Hypothetical (other than Sc-Fi)	
771	Triathlon (models from three different classes)	<u>Ronald Odell</u>
772	Miscellaneous (any subject not otherwise covered, except dioramas)	<u>IPMS/Spruce</u> <u>Goose - Costa</u> <u>Mesa, CA</u>

VIII. Dioramas

Best Diorama Sponsored By: IPMS/Centennial Chapter - Colorado Springs, CO

Dioramas

Sponsored By:

810-A	Aircraft Vignette, 1/144 and 1/72	<u>Ronald Bell</u>
810-B	Aircraft Vignette, 1/48 and 1/32	<u>Arthur Murray</u>
814	Aircraft Diorama	<u>IPMS/Brooklyn Plastic Modelers Society - Brooklyn, NY</u>
824	Military Vehicles, 1/49 and smaller	
820-A	Military Vehicles, 1/48 and larger, Vignette	<u>High Altitude Armor Modelers, Colorado Springs, CO</u>
820-B	Military Vehicles, 1/48 and larger, Diorama	<u>Oklahoma Historical Modeler Society in Memory of David Kimbrell</u>
830-A	Figure Vignette, 54mm and smaller	
830-B	Figure Vignette, 55mm and larger	
832	Figure Diorama	<u>Michael Blackwood</u>
840	Ships, Vignette	<u>IPMS/New Jersey - Garwood, NJ</u>
842	Ships, Diorama	<u>IPMS/Mad City Modelers - Madison, WI; In Memory of Dave Raatz</u>
850	Automotive, all entries	<u>IPMS/Model Creations Unlimited - Jacksonville, FL</u>
860	Space & Sci-Fi Vehicles, all entries	
880	Miscellaneous, all entries	

Theme Awards

Sponsored By:

1	All American – Red, White & Blue	<u>Ken Riley</u>
2	1964 - a Year of Firsts	<u>Ken Riley</u>
3	June 6, 1944: D-Day	<u>IPMS/Centennial Chapter - Colorado Springs, CO</u>
4	1944 – Turning Point in the Pacific	<u>IPMS/Albuquerque Scale Modelers - Albuquerque, NM</u>
5	Vietnam: 1964	<u>IPMS/Tidewater - Hampton, VA</u>
6	Birth of a Legend - Ford Mustang	<u>IPMS/Cincinnati Scale Modelers - Cincinnati, OH</u>

Additional IPMS/USA Contest Awards

1. Best of Class Awards will be given in each of the nine Classes and are listed below. The awards are selected from the first-place winners in the categories within each Class.

- Tom Kolk Best Junior Model Award
- Ken Robert Best Aircraft Award
- Art Gerber Best Military Vehicle Award
- Best Figure Award
- Best Ship Award
- Best Automotive Award
- Best Space or Science Fiction Vehicle Award
- Best Miscellaneous Award
- Best Diorama Award

2. The Best Use of an IPMS/USA Convention Special Decal will be selected by IPMS/USA Past Presidents from among any of the entries in the contest which use a Convention Special Decal. See Rule III-6: Entrants must sign-up specifically for this special award.

3. The Jim Sage Most Popular Model Award will be given as selected by majority vote (by ballot) of the attendees of the convention (registrants and general public attendees).

4. The George Lee Judges Grand Award will be given as selected from the Best of Class award recipients, as selected by the National Contest Committee (Class Head Judges and Chief Judge).

5. Theme Awards will be selected from among any of the entries in the contest which meet the parameters of the designated theme, and as noted by the entrant on their model entry form. See Rule III-6: Entrants must sign up specifically for these special awards. Up to 5 Theme Awards may be requested by the host chapter, are approved by IPMS/USA, and are posted on the convention website along with the Rules and Categories.

6. Manufacturer or Special Interest Group (SIG) Awards can be sponsored/selected by various manufacturers, organizations, and special interest groups. These awards must conform to Rule III-5. Also, see Rule III-6: Entrants must sign up specifically for these special awards. Any such awards expected to be announced by IPMS at the Convention or in its Journal magazine must be accompanied by sponsorship of at least one regular category awards package. The screening/selection for these awards is not accomplished by IPMS/USA judging teams; they are selected by the sponsors/sponsors' selected teams. They will be chosen while the contest room is open to public viewing, and the awards placed/presented prior to the awards banquet at the convenience of the sponsor.

7. Honorariums. The honorariums or named best-of awards have been approved by the NCC for the three year-period of 2022 through 2024, per Rule III-7.