

4M Mayhem 2019

IPMS/Mid-Michigan Model Makers Contest Rules and Definitions

DEFINITIONS

Model – A static, three-dimensional object, commonly built to scale that represents in detail a larger object.

Plastic – An organic compound created by polymerization that can be extruded, cast, or molded into a desired shape. Common forms include resin and styrene.

Diecast – A scale model that is produced commercially by the method of “metal casting”.

Diorama – A three-dimensional scale model that depicts a scene. A model that through its design or intent, “tells a story”.

4M – An abbreviation for the IPMS/Mid-Michigan Model Makers

CONTEST RULES

All Rules apply to current contest only

1. The contest is open to all interested modelers.
2. All models must be of static display. No R/C models will be allowed.
3. The Contest Coordinator, Head Registrar, or Head Judge reserve the right to refuse any model from display or competition if it is considered lewd or offensive.
4. Previous Award-Winning models may not be entered in regular categories during the current year contest, except for those that have been completed since the last “4M Mayhem” and have taken honors at other shows, i.e. IPMS Regionals, IPMS Nationals, APMS etc. Please see “Best of the Best” category for opportunity to show other award winning models.
5. A model that has been entered in any previous 4M Club contest may be entered providing it did not receive any award higher than Silver and has been significantly improved from its previous state of competition. This does not include a singular model that is now part of a “Diorama”.
6. Pre-assembled models, including plastic or diecast, are eligible for competition providing the modeler is able to show that significant work has been completed to alter the model from its original, prefabricated state.
7. “Out-of-the-box” models must be accompanied by the instruction sheet.
8. Judging will be completed by 4M Club members and/or individuals authorized by the 4M Club to be a contest judge.
9. The contest is based on a modified form of the “Chicago Open” style format. See “4M Judging Criteria” for a description of the judging process.
10. Awards will be given accordance with the criteria set forth in the “4M Judging Criteria”.

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11. Special Awards may occasionally be presented. A full description of the award will be disclosed at the time of the contest.
12. Judging teams will be comprised of 3 members per class (or category), with a judging “Team Leader” designated for each judging team.
13. Judging teams will be designated by the Contest Coordinator upon approval from the Contest Committee and Head Judge.
14. The Head Judge will be assigned by the Contest Committee.
15. If a model cannot be clearly assigned to a category, the Head Judge will determine the most appropriate category for the model to be entered and assign the model accordingly.
16. The Head Judge will settle all disputes. This includes placement and judging results.
17. Harassment of judging teams will not be tolerated. This includes any attempt to influence the judges to gain favor in judging. Harassment may result in disqualification of the model and possible request to leave the premises.
18. Every attempt will be made to avoid moving a model. However, the 4M Club reserves the right to move a model for accurate judging. If a model needs to be moved under circumstances unrelated to judging, the 4M Club will make every attempt to contact the modeler to assist with moving the model.
19. All dust covers must be removed prior to judging.

4M MEMBER PARTICIPATION POLICY

In keeping with the spirit of the IPMS, the Mid-Michigan Model Makers has adopted the following policy regarding judging of member entries in our annual contest

1. 4M members will not be allowed to judge any models in the category in which they are entered.
2. Recognizing a 4M member’s individual expertise in a class, a 4M member will be allowed to judge a “Class” in which they are entered, but they will not be allowed to contribute in the event their own entry is being considered for any Category or Class award.
3. In the event a 4M member’s entry is considered for an award, the Head Judge will serve as the 3rd member of the judging team, or the member will be replaced by another qualified judge.
4. In all cases, the Head Judge will settle all disputes.

4M JUDGING CRITERIA

The 4M Club uses a modified version of the “Chicago Open” rule system, borrowed long-ago from an IPMS model club from the Chicago area. To accomplish this, the 4M Club has replaced the traditional 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place award system with Gold, Silver, Bronze and Tri-Color medals. The 4M Club bases its judging and medal awards on the following criteria:

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1. Build quality.
2. Craftsmanship and realism.
3. Availability of model-research and model-build documentation.

Utilizing these criteria there are 4 “Medal-Level” and 2 “Trophy-Level” awards possible:

1. Bronze medal – Represents an advanced level of modeling expertise worthy of recognition.
2. Silver medal – Represents a high level of modeling expertise, but lacks only fine detail to be considered a Top-quality model.
3. Gold medal – Represents the finest quality build.
4. Red/White/Blue “Best of Category” medal – Represents the best model in the Category.
5. “Best of Class” Trophy – Represents the best model in the Class.
6. “Best of Show” Trophy – Represents the best model overall from all classes.

There can be any NUMBER and any COMBINATION of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals awarded in any given category. Only 1 model from each category will receive a Red/White/Blue Best of Category medal. Only Gold medal models may be considered for any Trophy award. Judging teams will decide models to be awarded through the “Best of Class” level. The Head Judge will decide “Best of Show” from the 8 “Best of Class” winners.

The members of the 4M Club believe that it is important to recognize and validate the efforts and skills of the broadest spectrum of modelers possible. It is our intention to reward the modeler for his/her efforts, while maintaining the integrity of the finest entries and to award them accordingly.