

## AutumnCon 2017 Regional Contest Rules

### Model Eligibility

**Models that have won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or any special award at any previous IPMS Regional or National contest are not eligible for this Regional contest. These models are welcome in the display area only. Fairness and honesty make the contest more enjoyable for everyone.**

Any modeler is encouraged to enter any number of models at AutumnCon. Models may be entered by "proxy". All entries must be the sole work of the individual whose name is on the entry form. Exception: If a group build category is listed.

No one will be allowed to enter the contest area prior to registering their model(s). Unattended children will not be allowed in the model display areas.

"Politicking" for any model, whether pro or con will not be tolerated. Any abuse of this rule will result in the disqualification of the offender's model(s).

The contest Committee will determine the category of entry. The Contest Chair will be consulted for interpretation should a question of category placement arise. Judges will reserve the right to move a model if they feel it was entered into the wrong category. Every effort will be made to inform the contestant of the decision made, and be discussed with the judges. The contest chair or head judge may exclude from public display, any entries that are deemed offensive to generally acknowledged standards of taste or acceptability.

**No Sweeps Rule** - An individual may only place 2 out of 3 places within any single category unless that entrant is the only entrant in that category.

**Proxy Entries** - Models entered by a contestant not attending the show MUST fill out appropriate forms prior to and submit these forms to the attending contestant who will be entering their model(s).

### Contest Judging

**Northshore Scale Modelers follows and adheres to the judging criteria set forth by IPMS/USA. For a more extensive overview of these guidelines, please visit [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org).**

**Craftsmanship** – examples include proper alignments, removal of seams, cleanliness of overall construction, removal of flash, sink marks, etc.

**Finishing** – paint and decal application, no dust on model, weathering techniques (if applied)

**Weathering** – application and consistency of weathering (if applied)

Judging will be done by a committee of an odd number of modelers. Modelers will be selected as judges based on their known fairness, knowledge, contest experience and modeling competence. Modelers will not be allowed to judge categories in which they are entered. The Head Judge has the right to split or combine categories as needed for fairness. Head judge and contest chair decisions are final.

**Northshore Scale Modelers encourages any modeler to participate as a judge.**

If a willing judge is not experienced, they will be paired with a "veteran" that will guide them through the judging process. Judging a contest is **THE** best way to see the work of others up close, see what judges look for when evaluating a model, and improve your own skills. As an added bonus, all judges receive a **FREE** lunch in appreciation for their time and effort.