

# **Model & Photography Contest Rules**

## ***Section 1 – General Contest Rules***

- 1.1 The appointed Contest Chair has overall responsibility to interpret and apply these contest rules, and is the final arbiter for decisions.
- 1.2 Any requests for exceptions to, or interpretation of, the stated rules should be sought from the Contest Chair prior to the convention commencing or an entry being submitted for the contest.
- 1.3 All entries must be the personal work (modelling or photographic) of the person listed on the entry form. This does not exclude use of commercially- produced parts or kit-bashed models, but is intended to exclude professionally-commissioned models.
- 1.4 Entries are submitted at the modeller's or photographer's risk.
- 1.5 Entries may be accompanied by brief explanatory notes, plans, photographs or other material not exceeding one single-sided A4-size sheet in total for each entry.
- 1.6 Models will be accepted for the contest within the posted times only.
- 1.7 Contest entries are limited to registered convention attendees (including traders, partner and junior programs) only.

## ***Section 2 – Contest Judging***

- 2.1 Contest entries will be judged by public vote from the registered convention attendees (including juniors, but not attendees participating only in the partner activities), or as specified for special awards.
- 2.2 Each registered attendee may only vote once using the voting form provided.
- 2.3 Voting will be closed at the time published within the contest room, and votes will be counted prior to the Saturday evening presentations.

## ***Section 3 – Modelling Contest***

Model contest categories are:

Structures;  
Dioramas;  
Locomotives Steam;  
Locomotives Other (Diesel/Traction or Other);  
Freight Rolling Stock  
Passenger cars  
Non-Revenue Rolling Stock.

## **Structures and Dioramas**

### **3.1.1 Structures**

A model can be entered in the category of “Structures” if it conforms to the following criteria:

- A Structure is a single building, a bridge or other single man-made object.
- The structure may be mounted on a base, which makes the handling of the model safer and easier.
- The base may have nothing applied to it, other than a coat of paint in a single colour if desired.
- Additional details that do not form part of the structure are not permitted. Items like chimneys and lean-to’s are permitted provided they are physically joined to, and are part of, the structure.
- Models may not include any exterior details such as vehicles, figures, out-buildings, oil drums and other detail parts. These models will be reclassified as Dioramas.
- Models may, however, have details added, relevant to the structures use, inside the structure, or on a veranda, as long as they are in an area under the main roof.
- No backdrop is allowed.

### **3.1.2 Dioramas**

A model can be entered in the category of “Diorama” if it conforms to the following criteria:

- There may be any number of structures. Structures do not have to relate to each other.
- The base can be of any shape or size up to one square metre.
- Ground cover, such as dirt, weeds and other natural materials are permitted.
- Other details, like figures and vehicles are allowed.
- A backdrop is permitted, with total area not to exceed the area of the base.

## **3.2 Locomotives**

If the submitted model is capable of self-propulsion, it will be classed as a “Locomotive”. Ancillary vehicles such as tenders or oil cars that are normally permanently attached may be included.

3.2.1 “**Steam Locomotives**” may be geared, chain-driven, rigid-framed or other construction, provided the primary source of power depicted is steam.

3.2.2 Models of self-propelled vehicles not conforming to the above criteria will be classed as “Diesel/Traction or Other Locomotives”.

3.2.3 Models may be submitted on a display base that may have track, ballast and ground cover added in an area immediately adjacent to the track. No additional details are permitted on display bases.

## **3.3 Rolling Stock**

3.3.1 Models entered as “Freight Rolling Stock” must depict prototypes that are used, or are intended to be used, by a railroad for the purpose of freight revenue generation.

3.3.2 Rolling Stock used for other purposes will be classed as “Passenger or Non Revenue Rolling Stock”.

3.3.3 Models may be submitted on a display base which may have track, ballast and ground cover added in an area immediately adjacent to the track. No additional details are permitted on display bases.

## ***Section 4 – Photographic Contest***

Two categories exist: “Prototype Photograph”, “Model Photograph”

- 4.1 Photographs must follow a narrow gauge theme.
- 4.2 Photographs may be either colour or black and white.
- 4.3 A maximum of three Photographic Contest entries per registrant / per category is permitted.
- 4.4 Photographs must be printed, and may be any size.
- 4.5 Prints must be submitted without frames, but may be mounted on card and may have a surrounding matt board if desired.
- 4.6 Photographic Categories
  - 4.6.1 “Prototype Photograph” or “Model Photograph” category. As film use is now rare, photographs from either a digital source or a silver image are welcome. When submitting photographs, any enhancement should be indicated in the “details” section of the form.

## ***Section 5 – Special Awards***

- 5.1 The Fry Award for “Best in Show” (perpetual trophy)
  - 5.1.1 This award will be given to the model with the highest number of votes in this category that is listed separately on the voting form.
  - 5.1.2 Photographs do not qualify for the The Fry Award.
  - 5.1.3 This award may be presented to a winner of another contest category.
- 5.2 “Youth in Modelling” award
  - 5.2.1 This award will be presented to the model with the highest number of votes in this category that is listed separately on the voting form.
  - 5.2.2 Youth in Modelling entries are limited to people less than 18 years of age on the day the contest is to be judged, Saturday 11 April 2009.
  - 5.2.3 Photographs do not qualify for the Youth in Modelling award.
  - 5.2.4 This award may be presented to a winner of another contest category.
- 5.3 Other special awards may be arranged by the Convention Committee, and these will be presented in accordance with criteria agreed.

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