

IPMS Ireland

2017 Nationals

Competition Rules, Definitions and Classes

Please read these notes carefully before entering your models as they contain important information.

This is an Open Competition. It is not necessary to be a member of the IPMS to enter the competition (although certain special awards/trophies are reserved for members of IPMS or IPMS Ireland only.)

Admission to the venue is free to all who are members of IPMS on the day, regardless of which club, branch, chapter or nation. You must have a valid membership card to avail of this. All other entrants to the venue must pay a fee to enter. This fee is €3 per adult, but children (under 14) are free.

However, there **is** a fee to enter the model competition, for all entrants. This is €3 per model.

Any model incorrectly entered may not be judged. So, if you are uncertain about which class to enter, please check with the event organisers. It may not be possible to rectify mistakes after registration. There are 33 competition classes and 11 special awards and trophies, catering for all types and tastes of modelling.

HOW TO ENTER

Entry forms are available from the IPMS Ireland website in .pdf format. There is no limit to the number of models or classes that a competitor can enter. Please download the entry form from the website: www.ipmsireland.com. Complete the form as necessary and bring with you on registration day, together with a relevant fee (s). Registration will commence when the event opens (10 am) and close at 1pm on the first day of the event. No entries will be accepted via post or e-mail. Each model entered will be registered with its own unique entry number and given an Entry Card, to be used on the Competition Table.

WHAT TO DO ON THE DAY

There will be a clearly marked Competition Desk at the venue, where entries are to be registered and Entry Cards can be collected once the event itself has opened. Once you have your Entry Card you may place it and your model(s) in the relevant area on the Competition table. All Competition classes will be clearly marked and labelled on the Competition table to aid the placement of models by competitors. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their models and their Entry Cards are placed in the relevant area. Competition staff will be able to assist if there is any uncertainty.

Please note that if you are entering *any* of the *Standard Kit (SK)* classes, you will need to provide the instructions for the kit, as supplied by the manufacturer. These will need to be placed below the model's Entry Card.

ENTRY CARDS

The Entry Cards will contain the following information: competition class (e.g. A01, MV01), the unique entry number (issued on the day), the title of the model (e.g. 'RMS Titanic'). If you are a "new entrant" – that is, if have never previously entered, as an adult competitor, in this competition an any year since it began in 2010, and have marked this on your competition entry form - you will be eligible for the "Best Breakthrough Act Award". In that case, the unique entry number should be followed by the letter "N", so that the judges in this class (sponsored by Marks Models) can identify the competitors.

There is also a "Details" section on the Entry Card, which allows competitors to provide the judges with some information about the composition of the kit(s) used, e.g. 'low-volume injection moulded with vac-form transparencies'. Please feel free to attach as much further detail as the Entry Card allows. No judge, however many models they have built or examined, can be familiar with every kit that was ever manufactured. Sometimes, it is the additional information provided by the modeller about the parts added or the techniques used that can make all the difference to the judges when they are making their decision. Due to space constraints, no more than two photographs can be placed with any model.

RULES

1. All models must be the handiwork of the entrant(s) only.
2. A model that has previously been judged at any IPMS Ireland National Competition may not be submitted again.
3. IPMS Ireland and/or its officers reserve the right to remove any entry which may cause dispute or offence.
4. Although every care is taken to ensure the safety of exhibits, models are placed in the competition at the owner's risk.
5. Once placed on the Competition Table, only the Competition Secretary, or his appointees, may

move a model prior to the official removal of models at the end of the show.

6. An entrant shall have the right to bring to the attention of the Competition Secretary any infringement of the Competition Rules, providing such notice is given prior to the commencement of judging. On any point of contention, the Competition Secretary's ruling shall be final. Correspondence after the event on rule infringements will not be entered into.
7. Entrants for IPMS members only trophies may be asked for proof of current IPMS membership.
8. Once an Entry Card and a unique entry number have been issued they may not be used for a model other than the one originally registered.
9. In the event that a model is eligible for more than one class, it may not later be moved to another class from that into which it was originally entered.
10. Models must be placed on the Competition Table(s) by 1 pm on the first day of the event. Models should not be removed before 3.45pm on the second day of the event (i. e. after the end of the awards ceremony) without prior approval of the Competition Secretary. Any model removed from the table(s) without prior agreement will be subject to disqualification.
11. All models are to be constructed as stated and defined. Metal foil, wood, veneer, paper, cloth, decal or any other material may be used to cover the model to represent a particular finish or to construct detail items. Such coverings or details must be cosmetic, not structural. The exception to this rule is Class C01, which is exclusively for primarily card/paper models.
12. In the event that propellers, rotors, turrets or any other assemblies are not attached to the model, this MUST be clearly specified on the Entry Card. If this is not done, IPMS Ireland cannot be held responsible for any damage that may be caused to the model.
13. Where a model is displayed on the base, the base should not be larger than 1.5 times the model size. Any base over 4 sq feet (1.327 sq metres) must be notified to and approved by the Competition Secretary prior to the date of the competition. It is generally not required to display a model on a base.
14. Civilian Vehicles Class and Figures Classes only: due to the preponderance on the market of white metal kits over plastic in these particular areas of the hobby, white metal kits shall be allowed in these classes only.
15. Where there are three or less entries in a particular class, the class in question may not be judged, and - at the discretion of the Competition Secretary - the models concerned may be moved to the next most appropriate suitable class, to enable them to remain in the competition. If there is no suitable class, then the entries may not be judged or may be judged as part of one of the Miscellaneous classes.

There will be no refund of entry fee(s) for any model(s) not judged.

16. In classes with more than three entries, a Gold Silver and Bronze may be awarded, but in addition, commendations may be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Conversely, entries are expected to be of a sufficiently high standard* to merit the award of a prize, so that even if there are only two entries in any given class, no prize will be awarded if neither entry is deemed sufficiently meritorious by the judges.
17. Junior Classes are open to anyone under the age of 16 on the date of competition.
18. The entrant agrees that IPMS Ireland and its branches/chapters may use images of the models in its/their web-site, forum and newsletter and any other publicity / promotion of the society and that any claim to copyright to such images is waived by the entrant.

* For adult modellers, this standard should incorporate the following; the removal of all flash and the filling of all seams. No glue should be visible. All parts (e.g. wings, undercarriage, masts, gun barrels, etc.) should be in alignment, unless the subject is being represented in a deliberately 'distressed' condition, e.g. propellers bent after a wheels-up landing. All wheels and tracks should sit firmly on the ground, unless the subject is presented in such a way that this would not naturally be the case, e.g. undergoing repair. Paint should be applied smoothly and evenly. There should be no brush marks or fingerprints visible on the model. Clear parts (e.g. canopies and windscreens) in particular should be free of glue. They should also be free from fogging and other blemishes, unless deliberately being represented as distressed in some way. Any such distressing must be consistent with the overall appearance of the model.

DEFINITIONS

Standard Kit (SK). A single, commercially produced injection-moulded plastic, resin or vinyl kit, built to the manufacturer's specifications, straight from the box. Seatbelts, rigging and aials from any other sources may be added as appropriate to the subject. Any other form of detailing e.g. brake pipes, ignition leads is NOT allowed in this class. No opened cockpits or hatches are allowed unless it is an option in the kit. Changes in colour scheme and aftermarket decals (e.g. Bf109 from German to Spanish markings) or to "what-if" markings (e.g. Mustang in Irish Air Corps colours) are permitted. Kit instructions must be displayed with the model.

Any Source Detailed (ASoD). A model built from a Standard Kit but which has had additional detailing added from commercial sources and/or built by the modeller in order to enhance pre-existing options within the Standard Kit, or as provided by the aftermarket accessories. Cockpits may be opened and any open hatches, panels, wing/rotor folds or bomb bays, as provided as options in the Standard Kit or by the use of aftermarket accessories, may be additionally detailed by the modeller. Control surfaces may be re-worked within this definition.

Super Detailed (SD). Any model of injection-moulded plastic, resin or vinyl which has had hatches, panels, turrets etc. opened/removed when these options are not provided for by either the Standard Kit or the use of commercial accessories and which has then had significant detail added by the modeller - whether from commercial or scratch-built parts - shall fall into this category. Wing or rotor folds not provided for in the Standard Kit or by the use of commercial accessories shall also fall into this class. Subjects with skin or covering removed to show interior structure shall also be classed as Super Detailed. Any model converted from the manufacturer's original specification, regardless of the level of detail, must be entered in the relevant conversion class (ASoCON).

Any Source Converted (ASoCON). Any model from a commercial source, regardless of the medium, that is built to a specification or variant other than that intended by the manufacturer (including "what-if" variants). Commercial, non-commercial and/or scratch built parts may be used. A change of colour scheme and/or decals shall not constitute a conversion, regardless of any change of designation of the model. A converted model may be detailed to any level desired by the modeller.

Vacformed (V). A commercial kit where the main body parts and/or flying surfaces are of vac-formed plastic, but can contain any other detailed parts from any source. The kits may be detailed to any level desired by the modeller.

Scratch Built (SB). A model constructed where the main body parts and/or flying surfaces are home-made or vac-formed plastic, other than of a commercial nature. The basic structure should be of plastic although a supporting (wooden) core is permitted. A scratch built model may be detailed to any level desired by the modeller.

Bases. Bases, although not obligatory, will be allowed in all categories (for dioramas see separate paragraph). The base should not be larger than 1.5 times the model size. Any base over 4 sq. feet (1.327 metres) must be notified to the Competition Secretary and approved of prior to the date of competition. A base may simulate the natural surface on which the prototype may be found to show the subject in context. For example, uneven ground to show vehicle suspension deflected, runway markings etc. shall be allowed, however, nothing other than the basic surface may be used. Trees, bushes, rock faces, ruined buildings, oil drums etc., are not allowed. Aircraft requiring beaching gear or trolleys may be so equipped. Ships may be displayed on water, but dry-docks and docksides are not allowed. The inclusion or exclusion of a base shall have no influence on the marks awarded by the judges, except in the Diorama classes.

Dioramas. A diorama shall be defined as one or more items (not necessarily from the same class) displayed on a scenic base, with or without figures, which convey a specific theme or real-life situation. Diorama base sizes exceeding 4 sq. feet (1.327 sq. metres) must be notified and approved by the Competition Secretary in advance of the date of the competition. If an entry contains major elements from more than one class (except for vehicles shown with their normal load), or if the base has additional

items such as trees, bushes, rock faces, oil drums etc., it will be classed as a diorama.

Cases. Glass cases are permissible for public viewing periods but, with the exception of the ship classes, must be removed by the entrant for judging and photography purposes. Failure to comply may mean entries are not judged and / or awards withdrawn.

Figures with Models. In all categories except Figures and Dioramas, each model may be displayed with EITHER the crew members and/or passengers (who must be displayed in or on the aircraft/vehicle etc.) OR with a single figure on the base to indicate scale, NOT both. Figures placed on/in the aircraft/vehicle AND on the base shall mean that the entry is classed as a diorama. Figures may be from any source.

Civil Aircraft. This includes all aircraft used for non-military purposes, and includes racing planes (even from a military background – eg Mustang, Me 209, Supermarine S6B). However, other than for racing planes, "warbirds" (modern versions of classic military planes) are classified as military, even if in civilian register. Military transport or medical / ambulance type craft are also classified as military.

Space, Science Fiction and Fantasy. This relates to both real space and sci-fi models. Vehicles (SF01) are defined to include spacecraft, hovercraft, tracked or wheeled vehicles etc. Science fiction and fantasy figures are permitted in the figures categories (F01 and F02) (including power suits etc). An entry of figures with a vehicle, or with more than one figure (eg a rider on a dragon etc), will be classed as a diorama.

COMPETITION CLASSES

Juniors: Any Scale, Any Type

J01 Modellers under 16 years on date of competition

Aircraft

A01 Civil, 1/144 scale and smaller (eg 1/200)
A02 Civil, larger than 1/144 scale (eg 1/72)
A03 Military, jets, 1/144 and smaller
A04 Military, props, 1/144 and smaller
A05 Military, jets, 1/72 – 1/143 scale (SK)
A06 Military, props, 1/72 – 1/143 (SK)
A07 Military, jets, 1/72 – 1/143 (ASoD/SD)
A08 Military, props, 1/72 – 1/143 (ASoD/SD)
A09 Military, jets, 1/48 – 1/71 (SK)
A10 Military, props, 1/48 – 1/71 (SK)
A11 Military, jets, 1/48 – 1/71 (ASoD/SD)
A12 Military, props, 1/48 – 1/71 (ASoD/SD)
A13 Military, jets/props, 1/24 – 1/47
A14 Rotary Wing, all scales
A15 Vac-form, scratch-built, or conversions (any scale) (V) (SB) (ASoCON)

Military Vehicles

MV01 1/48 and smaller (eg 1/76)
MV02 Tracked, 1/47 and larger (eg 1/35)
MV03 Wheeled, 1/47 and larger (eg 1/35)
MV04 Conversions / scratch-built military vehicles, any scale

Civilian Vehicles

CV01 Stock/competition cars, trucks, motorbikes or other civilian vehicles, any scale

Card / Paper Models

C01 Any model primarily constructed of card/paper, any type, any scale

Figures

F01 89mm or smaller, incl. sci-fi & fantasy
F02 90mm or larger, incl. sci-fi & fantasy, Busts

Ships/Submarines

S01 Any scale 1/450 & smaller (eg 1/700)
S02 Any scale 1/449 and larger (eg 1/350)

Space/Science Fiction and Fantasy

SF01 Vehicles / spaceships etc (any scale)

Dioramas

D01 Aircraft, not incl. sci-fi & fantasy
D02 Military Vehicle, not incl. sci-fi & fantasy
D03 Sci-fi/fantasy or figure dioramas (including vignettes - 2 or more figures on a scenic base)
D04 All other dioramas, not included in the other three diorama classes (including ship dioramas, civil vehicle dioramas etc)

Miscellaneous and Humour

MH01 Any model which does not fit in a category above, and is of a humorous nature (eg "egg planes", any scale.
MH02 Any model which does not fit in a category above, and is of realistic (non-humorous) nature, any scale.

Type Sub-divisions:

(SK) Standard Kit.
(ASoD) Any Source Detailed.
(SD) Superdetailed.
(ASoCON) Any Source Converted
(V) VacFormed
(SB) Scratch-built

(Where a class has no specific type listed, it is open to models from any of the above types.)

SPECIAL AWARDS / TROPHIES

H1 Best in Show

Best of the best in each class, open to all competition entrants.

H2 IPMS Ireland Aviation Trophy

For any Irish themed aviation subject.
(Exclusively for IPMS Ireland members)

H3 IPMS Ireland Non-Aviation Trophy

For any Irish themed non-aviation subject.
(Exclusively for IPMS Ireland members)

H4 Best Finish on a Model

For the best finish on any model on display, any scale or category (sponsored by IPMS Ireland, Mid-West Branch)

H5 People's Choice Award

Decided by the people who attend and is open to all models on the competition tables only. Decision is by majority vote.

H6 IPMS (UK) Trophy

For the best model of a British subject (donated by IPMS (UK))
(Exclusively for IPMS members, worldwide)

H7 Best Club Display

For the best model / display / diorama on a club table

H8 Cross and Cockade Trophy

For the best aircraft from World War 1 – any scale (sponsored by Cross and Cockade)

H9 The Great War Centenary Award

This award is to commemorate the centenary of the Great War (World War 1), and is for any non-aircraft model, including dioramas and vignettes, representing people, soldiers, artillery, armour, vehicles, boats or models of a civilian nature, from the 1914-1918 period. (sponsored by Joseph Moran and Filip Servit)

H10 Best Breakthrough Act Award

For the best entry by an adult modeller who has not previously entered this competition.
(Sponsored by Marks Models)

H11 Most Unusual Subject Award

For the most unusual subject/model entered into the competition. (Sponsored by Marks Models)