

NorEastCon 2010 Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to all registrants of NorEastCon 2010. IPMS membership is encouraged, but not required. Absentee entries will be accepted with an Absentee Registration Fee (TBD). Handlers of absentee entries will be responsible for all entry paperwork, as well as retrieval of the entries and awards (if any).
2. The Bantam Category will include Registrants ages 12 and under. Junior Categories will include Registrants ages 17 and under, and not permitted in the Bantam Category. A Junior entrant may, at his/her discretion compete in the standard categories instead of Junior categories.
3. IPMS/USA, the host chapter and the American Airpower Museum assume no liability for loss or damage suffered by entries. **Handling considerations should be noted on entry forms, i.e. if the model is on a base and NOT attached securely to the base.** As required in the judging process, judges will be permitted to handle the entries.
4. Entries should not be removed from the display area until after the awards banquet. The sponsoring chapter assumes no responsibility for contacting award winners whose entries are removed prior to the awards ceremony, or for mailing unclaimed awards.
5. Entries that have won awards at **prior NorEastCons and Nationals** are not eligible for awards. Previous award winners can be used in Collections and group categories.
6. Entrants are placed on notice that entries may be excluded on grounds of propriety.
7. While the use of plastic is encouraged, other modeling materials are permitted. Judging standards of construction, finish, attention to detail, and authenticity will be the same regardless of material used. Unless described differently in these rules, judging will follow the most recent available **IPMS Competition Handbook** (http://ipmsusa.org/CH_index.html).
8. Models may be displayed on bases, but **only the model will be judged**, unless the entry is in a Diorama Category.
9. Markings will differentiate between military and civil categories, and will also determine eligibility for theme awards.
10. Final decision on category placement shall rest with the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge may split or combine categories prior to judging, depending on the number of entries in each category.
11. First, second, and third place awards will be given in each category. Out-of-Box (OOB) will have a separate category, but OOB entries may entered in the standard categories instead of the OOB Category. Individual entrants are eligible for only one award in each category **[NO SWEEPS]** regardless of the number of entrants entered.
12. **Out-of -Box** Category: Entries must have been built from a commercially available kit, using the parts from the kit only. Seams may be filled/ sanded, guns and pipes drilled out, and any edges may be thinned, but no other modifications may be made to the kit parts. The addition of rigging, antenna, and simple tape or foil seatbelts is permitted. **Kit instructions MUST be displayed with all OOB entries.**
13. **Conversion:** Entries must represent a version different from that provided by the basic kit. The conversion must contain significant structural modifications to the basic kit involving extensive change in contour or configuration. In addition to the judging criteria common to the entire contest, judges of the Conversion Category will give special consideration to the complexity of the conversion. The entrant should detail the conversion changes made to the basic kit on the entry sheet or accompanying documentation. The Chief Judge has the ultimate authority to determine a model's category placement.
14. **Scratchbuilt:** Entries must comprise less than 25% commercially available parts (wheels, tracks, propellers, etc). The entrant must have fabricated all major components. Methods of fabrication should be specifically described on the entry form.
15. **Collections:** Entries must comprise five or more models adhering to a common theme. While construction and finish quality are important judging considerations, close attention will also be paid to the imaginative selection of the collection's theme. No more than 40% of the entries in a collection may have won awards individually in previous NorEastCons.
16. **The Best US Marine Corps Subject includes the Confederate Marines of the Civil War.**

Description of Special Awards:

Best Brail Armor: Sponsored by Mike Salzano

This award applies to any armor entry, 1:72 and smaller. All types included. Closed or open top, soft skins, armored cars, halftracks and ordnance.

Best Tail hook: Sponsored by Frederick J Seitz III

This award is for any US Navy or Marine Corps FIXED WING aircraft. Any era, any scale, any type aircraft, prop or jet.

Best United States Marine Corps Subject: Sponsored by Doug Hamilton

This award is slated for ANY USMC themed piece. Aircraft, Armor, Auto, Ship, Figure, etc. Any era, any subject, including those Marines who fought for the South during the Civil War. If it has anything to do with the United States Marine Corps, it is eligible.

Best WWII Pacific Multi-Engine Bomber: Sponsored by Roger Carrano, in honor of his father, Mr. Mr. Herbert M Carrano

Any twin or four engine bomber that served in the Pacific Theatre, during World War II is eligible. Any scale, any type, any nation allied or axis.

Best Long Island Aircraft: Sponsored by John Musolino

Any model representing an aircraft company based on Long Island. Any era, any scale, any type prop or jet powered. Grumman, Republic, Brewster, or De Seversky.

Best Battle of Britain: Sponsored by Frederick J Seitz III

Any entry having a Battle of Britain themed subject. Any scale, any type, single or multi engine aircraft, armor, (AA guns), ships, (Air Sea Rescue) dioramas and figures

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