

MarauderCon - CONTEST RULES

1. Each category will have a first, second, and third place award. Each registrant will be eligible for only one award per category (no sweeps).

2. Models must be built solely by the entrant. Models are entered solely at the entrant's risk. The Washington DC/Baltimore Chapters, IPMS/USA, and the venue do not assume any liability for loss or damage to any model.

3. Separate Out of Box (OOB) categories: OOB models **must** include kit instructions and may only include reasonable modifications such as decals, antennas, rigging and handmade seat belts. OOB models entered in the regular categories will not be judged as OOB or may be moved at the Judge's discretion.

4. Models may be displayed on a base of reasonable size. Bases will not be judged in any category except Dioramas. Any entry which, by virtue of its base or setting, depicts a story or theme, must be entered in a diorama category.

5. Markings will be the sole determinant between the civil and military classes.

6. Contest entries must conform to the IPMS USA National Contest Rules "Inappropriate Entries" section (See item 5 [here](#)) in order to be entered. Depiction of historically accurate markings is allowed. Maraudercon will not exercise the option to use screened presentations, so entries that would require such an area may not be entered.

7. Manufacturer pre-painted models may be entered in the appropriate category for the model. On the contest entry form, builders must indicate the fact that their entry is pre-painted. Such entries may be either metal or plastic, but they **MUST** have been assembled by the entrant.

8. The Contest Registration Committee will assist in determining an entry's class at the time of registration, but the final determination rests with the Chief Judge. Models may be moved without notice. The decision of the Chief Judge is final. Categories may be combined or split at the discretion of the Contest Committee.

9. Junior entrants (age 17 or younger) may compete in either the junior or regular categories, but not both.

10. Collections are a group of five (5) or more closely related items. Past winning models may be included as part of a collection, if they comprise no more than 40 percent of the collection. The entire collection must be the work of one person. The closeness of the relationship within the collection is a significant factor in judging. For example, a collection based on variants of a single airframe is a tighter relationship than one of different aircraft operated by a unit.

11. The Conversions/Scratchbuilt categories are reserved for those models which are either totally scratchbuilt or represent a significantly different version of the original kit without the use of commercially available parts as the primary means of conversion. Supporting documentation should be provided by the modeler; models which are converted primarily using commercially available parts will be entered in the standard categories.

12. Vacuform categories are for models constructed from a vacuform kit or from molds produced by the entrant.

13. "Curbside" civilian vehicles are defined as those to be judged only for presentation and paint finish. They will not be picked up during judging, and need not have completed or painted undersides, interiors, etc. All other models entered in the competition are subject to close examination by the

judges, and are expected to be complete in every respect.

14. An entry which has won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place award, or a Judges Grand Award, at any IPMS/USA regional or national contest, can be entered for display only. Honorable Mentions, Merit Awards, or Best Out-of-the Box Awards are excluded so long as the model is entered in a non-OOB category.

15. Special Categories consist of the following:

- a. Lockheed/Martin/LM subjects
- b. First Responders
- c. Special Themes (see Categories & Model Entry forms)

Any supporting documentation should be included and the appropriate boxes on the registration form must be selected for consideration for those awards.

16. Since the contest room remains open during judging, entrants or individuals lingering near the judges or attempting to influence the judges will result in disqualification of all entries by that modeler.

17. Winners must be present to receive awards or they must designate a person to collect the award. If an award has to be picked up or shipped this will be at the winner's expense.