

Judged Contest Rules – Indy Junction May 18-22, 2022

Rules and Procedures

1. **General Definition** - Terms, procedures and conditions which entrants and entries, judges and staff must follow are listed below. Additional requirements may be found in the General Information, Code of Conduct and Eligibility & Entry sections.
2. **Events** -
 - A. Judged Contest
 - I. Definition - Competitive events for models: all entries are technically judged by teams of experienced judges using the traditional NMRA point scoring system.
 - II. Scale - All models shall be judged separately in each classification and category without regard to scale.
 - III. Classifications
 - a. Scratch Built - This class is intended for models comprised of 50% or more basic parts or raw scratch materials. These include materials such as strip stock (wood, plastic, metal), sheet stock, (scribed siding, embossed, etc.) and other forms of basic materials (casting compounds, plaster, wire, etc.)
 - b. Entries in the scratch built class are eligible for full point scores on all factors including scratch building which has a maximum score of 15 points as part of the total of 125 possible points.
 - c. Kit Built - This classification is intended for models comprised of more than 50% kit or largely commercial parts to allow them to compete with similarly built models rather than typically higher scoring scratch built models. Entries in this classification are eligible for full point scores on all factors except scratch built which is limited to 8 points for a total of 118 possible points.
 - d. Lego, Lincoln Log, or similar product, based entries are permitted only in the Arts & Crafts portion of the contest
 - e. Photographic Print – A judged contest with four classes of entry. (See photo guidelines downloadable from this site)
 1. Model Black & White
 2. Model Color
 3. Prototype Black & white
 4. Prototype Color
 - f. Arts and Crafts – A judged contest with three classes of entry.
 1. General
 2. Needlework
 3. Railroadiana
 - IV. Categories
 - a. Steam Locomotives - All types of locomotives powered by steam. The model must include an electric motor or other means of propulsion and be capable of operation to be eligible for the category
 - b. Diesel & Other Locomotives - All other types of locomotives except those powered by steam and passenger revenue carrying types. The model must include an electric motor or other means of propulsion and be capable of operation to be eligible for the category. In the case of multiple joined locomotives, at least one of the units must be powered.
 - c. Passenger Cars - All types of passenger carrying revenue equipment, including coaches, observation, mail baggage cars as well as powered rail buses and RDC cars. Express reefers are included.
 - d. Freight Cars - All types of freight carrying revenue cars.
 - e. Caboose - All types, including traditional, bobbers, drovers, and transfers type are included.

- f. Non-Revenue - Right-of-way, track maintenance vehicles, rail and inspection cars, railroad cranes and others not considered directly involved in revenue service.
 - g. Traction - All equipment associated with urban, suburban and interurban electrically powered railroads.
 - h. Structures – This category is intended for all individual structures or buildings either on-line or off-line; however, also includes non-powered locomotives, ship models, cars and trucks, track components such as switches and diamonds and other unusual models that do not fit within other categories at the discretion of the Contest Chair. Multiple structures such as a house and garage must be physically connected to be considered a single structure. Likewise any detail not in, on or otherwise connected to the single structure will not be considered during the judging. A single structure contained within a display may be entered in the structure category in which case only that structure will be judged.
 - i. Display - Scenes or dioramas which may include multiple structures, locomotives, rolling stock, scenery elements and other detail. All elements will be judged as a part of the entire scene. Note: judgment of models in this category has nothing to do with the Master Builder Scenery requirement of the Achievement Program.
- V. Required forms – All forms are downloadable from this website.
- a. Contest Entry Form 901IJ is required for all entrants including Photographic Print, Arts & Crafts, exhibit only, or merit judging only.
 - b. Judges Score Sheets
 - 1. Form 902IJ for all model or display (diorama) entries. This form is required for Merit judging only entries, but not for exhibit only entries.
 - 2. Form 905IJ for all Arts & Crafts entries. Not required for exhibit only entries.
 - 3. There is no judges score sheet for Photographic Print entries.
- B. People's Choice Awards
- I. Definition – A competitive event for Models, Photographic Prints, Displays, and Arts & Crafts: All entries are judged by the popular vote of convention attendees.
 - II. Categories
 - a. Favorite Locomotive (all types)
 - b. Favorite Car (all type)
 - c. Favorite Structure
 - d. Favorite Display
 - e. Favorite Prototype Photographic Print
 - f. Favorite Model Photographic Print
 - g. Favorite Arts & Crafts