

Réal Côté Awards 2018 – Rules

1 - Eligibility

1.1 - Membership - The contest is open to all registrants. IPMS membership is not required.

1.2 - Participant's models - All entries must be the sole work of the individual who's name is on the entry form. Models must be entered under the name of the builder. Any person who knowingly enters models built by another person in his/her own name will be disqualified from all competition.

No team entries will be accepted.

Models entered by proxy -A contestant may also serve as a "proxy" to enter models for a fellow contestant who is unable to attend. Entry fees for proxy models are the same as for attending contestants.

1.3 - Entry limitations - Contestants are eligible to enter any number of models in any of the competition categories.

Non-participating models are admitted free of charge to the Exposition only table. Any registered participant may display any model there, whether this model has won in a previous contest or not. No prize will be awarded to these models and they will not be judged. The only purpose here for a modeler is to have an opportunity to display his or her work without entering a contest. Space limitations or security concerns may restrict or cancel this option.

1.4 - Previous winners - Models which have won **First Prize(s)**, and/or **"Best of .."** awards at previous U.S. or Canadian competitions prior to **May 12, 2017 are not eligible** for entry in the competition.

1.5 - Materials / Composition - The use of plastic is encouraged. However, models using other materials, such as wood or paper, may be entered. Models may be constructed from any material. Judging standards of finish, attention to detail, and authenticity will be the same, regardless of the materials used.

1.5.1 - Die Cast and/or Prepainted - Die Cast and/or prepainted subjects are not eligible unless extensively reworked. **Documentation of rework is required.**

1.6 - JUNIORS - The Junior class is limited to participants **16 years and younger**. Junior participants may, at their own discretion, enter their models in senior classes; however, models entered in senior classes will not be eligible for Junior awards.

2- Compétition / Display tables

2.1- Size Limitations - Modelers entering pieces that exceed **90 cm (3 feet)** in either width or length, or that require special power support or special placement, must notify contest organisers at least one month in advance of the Contest.

The limited space for the Contest requires additional planning for such entries. Failure to provide advanced notification for such models could result in their being unable to compete or inadequate special support.

2.2- Reference material - Reference materials or documentation will be allowed on the contest tables on a space-permitting basis, but may be removed if space is limited.

2.3- Bases - Bases will be allowed in all categories and will not be considered in the judging except if entered in the Diorama class categories.

A base may be a piece of undecorated wood, plastic or glass or it may simulate the natural surface on which the subject would be found. However, nothing other than that surface may be used. Aircraft and military vehicles may rest on simulated ground or paving, and aircraft that need beaching gear or dollies may be so equipped. Ships may be displayed in water. The base must not be the predominant feature of

the entry and must be of a size proportionate to the model. The Chief Judge and Judges reserve the right to exclude oversized bases (see rule 2-1. Size Limitations). The model may include primary crew figures.

The addition of any other figure or equipment, outside, or not attached to, the model (e.g., support equipment, shell splashes, or buildings) and a storyline that is evident can make the model a Diorama. It may be moved in the appropriate Diorama Category if necessary.

2.4- Packing - Exhibitors are encouraged to leave their models in the display room until the scheduled awards activities are over and the attendees have had the maximum opportunity to view them.

3- Judging

3.1. Judges' decisions are final in all matters. Judges have the authority to determine a model's category placement, and such decisions by judges will also be final.

3.2- Judging Methods

3.2.1- Category winners - First, second and third places will be awarded by the judges.

3.2.1- Public's vote - Visitors will be able to vote for their favorite entry for the contest.

3.2.3- Master's awards - Modelers known as very experienced will compete among themselves in each class (Plane, Armor, Boat, Car, Space & Science-fiction, Figurines and Dioramas).

3.4- Sweeps - Category sweeps are not allowed. This means the same person may not win First, Second and Third within a category.

3.5- Category Splits - If a category is deemed to have too many entries, the category may be split, creating a new category with a logical definition to link the models within the new split categories. This allows more awards to be given. Conversely, similar categories with few entries may be joined so awards' significance will be preserved.

4- Prohibited Entries

The following entries are prohibited:

4.1- "Test Shot" or pre-production kits - "Test Shot" or pre-production examples of kits not yet commercially available may not be entered in competition.

4.2- Commercial kits - Commercially built and/or finished models are ineligible

4.3- Exclusions - The Chief Judge will exclude/remove from competition any entry considered by Contest Officials to be inappropriate or offensive to generally acknowledged standards of taste and acceptability. The following are examples of entries prohibited in competition or on display at any IPMS Canada or IPMS Canada Chapter event:

4.3.1- There shall be no depiction of excretory functions depicting any human being or animal.

4.3.2- There shall be no depiction of sado-masochistic activity, equipment, settings or situations, to any degree, regardless of whether there are figures in the model and regardless of whether any figures present in the model are clothed.

4.3.3- There shall be no depictions of explicit sexual conduct, bilateral or autoerotic, regardless of degree and regardless of the clothing-status of the depicted participants, that involves the touching of the breasts or genitals or other erogenous zones of any depicted figure.

4.3.4- There shall be no depiction of any nude human male or female figures where the genitalia of the figure is exposed where the clear intent of the same is to portray a sexual scene.