



IPMS(UK) Scale ModelWorld 2016 Competition Rules

Please read the notes below carefully before entering your models, because they contain important rule changes.

The Scale ModelWorld Competition is not an Open Competition, and a pre-requisite of entry is current Membership of the IPMS, either (UK) or Overseas.

- Any models entered incorrectly may not be judged.
- If you are at all unsure about which class to enter, please contact the Competition Secretary before the event.
- The Competition Secretary would much rather spend time before the event ensuring models are entered in the correct class than run the risk of competitors being disqualified and disappointed on the day, when it may not be possible to rectify any mistakes.
- No entries will be changed into different classes after the Show has opened, because this causes delay at the start of the Competition.
- There are over 90 Competition Classes and a range of special awards and trophies, catering for all types and tastes of modelling.

How to Enter

- Entry forms will be available in the IPMS Magazine, and in both Word and PDF formats on the competition section of the [Scale ModelWorld website](#)
- Entries may be submitted from August 1st 2016, by post or [e-mail to the Competition Secretary](#).
- There is no limit on the number of models that any competitor may enter.
- You should pre-register a model, even if you are not certain whether it will be ready for SMW. This is far better than completing a model after the closing date for registration and then wishing that you had entered it.
- ***All models, including Overseas Entries, but excluding Junior Entries, must be pre-registered by 5th November 2016.***
- ***Junior Entries can be pre-registered, and this is encouraged to avoid waiting to register on the day of the Competition.***
- Registrations on the day will **NOT** be accepted. The only exceptions to this rule will be entries to the junior classes, and **NEW** IPMS(UK) members joining on the day.
- Each model entered will be registered with its own unique entry number, and given an IPMS(UK) Entry Card, which can be either collected on the day of the Competition or sent to you in advance.
- If you wish to receive your Entry Cards in advance, please send a Stamped Addressed Envelope (SAE) or two International Reply Coupons (IRCs) if you live outside the United Kingdom.
- All email entries will have their Entry Cards returned via email, and it will be the responsibility of the entrant to bring these cards to the Competition.
- In all events please include **all** the information required on the entry form.

What to do on the day?

- The Competition Area will open at 09.00 on the Saturday of Scale ModelWorld.
- The Competition Area will be in the same location as last year, on the gallery overlooking the foyer at the front of the Telford International Centre (for further details please look at the Show Guide).

- If you have not already received your Entry Cards by post or email, you will be able to collect them from the Competition Desk at the entrance to the Competition Area from 09.00 until 11.30 (early collection is advised to avoid delays at closing time).
- Once you have your Entry Cards you may place your models on the Competition tables.
- All classes will be clearly marked out and labelled on the tables to aid in the placement of models.
- It is **your** responsibility to place the models with their Entry Cards on the correct table.
- Please ask for help from a Steward or one of the Competition Staff if you are unsure about where you should place your entry.
- The Entry Card will specify:
 - The Competition class
 - The unique model entry number
 - The title of your model
 - Any trophies you have entered
 - A "details" section, which allows you to give the judges some information about the work that you have done, and which kit(s) or add-on parts (if any) you have used.
- Please feel free to attach further details to your entry card.
- Remember that no judge, however experienced, can be familiar with every kit that ever was, and sometimes extra information provided can make all the difference to the judges when coming to a decision.
- Due to space constraints, no more than **two** photographs can be placed with the models.
- A detailed Competition timetable, including times of judging and the awards ceremony, will be available in the Magazine and on the website, and from the Competition Desk during the weekend of Scale ModelWorld.

Rules

- All models must be the handiwork of IPMS Members only
- A model that has been physically entered into the Competition in previous years is ineligible for re-entry into the Competition, except entries for class 96 (which is the Branch Champion), or unless it has been incorporated into a new diorama.
- IPMS(UK) and/or its Officers reserve the right to remove any entry which may cause dispute or offence.
- Although every care is taken to ensure the safety of exhibits, models are placed in the Competition at the owner's risk.
- Once placed on the Competition table, **only the Competition Secretary, the Chief Judge or their appointee** may move a model prior to the official removal of models at the end of the Show.
- Any 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 or the published results will not be entered into.***
- Entrants will be required to provide proof of current IPMS membership on the day of the Competition.
- Once an Entry Card and unique entry number have been issued they may not be used for a model other than that originally registered.
- 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.

- Any model entered into the wrong class can only be moved into another class with the approval of the Competition Secretary, and this can only happen prior to the start of the Show.
- Models must be placed on the Competition tables by 11.30 on the Saturday.
- Models should not be removed from the Competition tables before 15.00 on the Sunday without the prior approval of the Competition Secretary.
- Any model removed from the tables without prior agreement will be subject to disqualification.
- Junior entries and entries from new IPMS members must be registered by 11.30 on the day of the Competition.
- 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 and not structural.
- 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.
- In classes consisting of three or more entries, Gold Silver and Bronze **must** be awarded.
- Commended Awards may be made at the discretion of the judges.
- In classes with one or two entries, only Gold has to be awarded.
- Junior Classes are open to anyone who is under the age of 18 on the day of the Competition.

Special Rules for the Following Classes

Military Vehicles Classes 34-44.

- Due to the preponderance on the market of kits, kit parts and accessories produced in other mediums (i.e. white metal, resin and photo-etched), entries in **Classes 34-44** may contain such items.
- The use of any such parts must be stated on the entry card and should specify whether the parts were provided in the kit, or are from an aftermarket source.

Civilian Vehicles Classes 46-53.

- Due to the preponderance on the market of kit parts and accessories in produced other mediums (i.e. white metal, die cast, resin and photo-etched), entries in **Classes 46-53** may contain such items.
- The use of any such parts must be stated on the entry card and should specify whether the parts were provided in the kit, or are from an aftermarket source.
- Also the use of appropriate stands and trestles will be allowed for display in the civilian vehicle classes but any other additions will render the entry a Diorama.

Figures Classes 54-61 and 73-75 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**.

Branch Champions' Award (Class 96)

- Models entered in this class must have been nominated by the entrant's IPMS Branch, which may use any method they choose to decide on their entry.
- **Entries to Class 96 must be pre-registered by the 5th November 2016**, and are limited to **one** per branch.
- A model entered in this class is also eligible for any of the existing trophies listed below, except where that model has been entered in previous years.

- The winner of this class shall be decided by a popular vote of IPMS(UK) members
- Each IPMS(UK) member may vote only once, and **may not** vote for their own Branch.
- Voting slips will be available from the Competition Secretary on production of a valid IPMS membership card.
- In addition to the usual class awards, a prize shall be donated by the Competition Secretary to the winning Branch.

Rules and Definitions 2016

Standard Kit (SK)

- A single, commercially produced injection moulded plastic or resin kit, built to the manufacturer's specifications, straight from box.
- Seatbelts, rigging and aerals may be added as appropriate to the subject.
- No opened cockpits or hatches are allowed unless it is an option in the kit.
- No additional items such as external stowage/boxes or tarpaulins or chains are permitted.
- **Kit instructions must be attached to the entry card or the model will be disqualified.**
- In the event that the kit instructions have been lost, the model may still be entered at the discretion of the Competition Secretary, on the understanding that, should the said instructions be required by the judges and not be available, the model will be disqualified.
- Changes in colour scheme and aftermarket decals are permitted e.g. Me109 from German to Spanish markings.

Any Source Detailed (ASD)

- A Standard Kit that has additional detailing added from any commercial sources and/or significant additional detail built by the modeller.
- This definition also includes any kit parts relocated or reworked by the modeller. Aftermarket tracks, wheels, Gun barrels, machine guns etc are examples of what would be considered included in ASD entries.
- Cockpits/vehicle hatches and doors may be opened and any inspection hatches, wing/rotor folds or bomb bays provided as an option in the original kit can be poised open and the interior of the hatch/bomb bay/wing fold may be detailed in this class.

Any Source Converted (ASC)

- This is a model that is built to a specification or variant other than that intended by the manufacturer.
- 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 to the model.
- A converted model may be detailed to any level desired by the modeller.

Vac formed (V)

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

Scratch built (S)

- A model constructed where the main body parts (50 percent or more) 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.

Super detailed (SD)

- Any model that has large areas of structure (more than 10 percent) or hatches, inspection panels, and turrets not provided as options in the original kit removed/opened and significant detail added by the modeller; this can be either from commercial and/or scratch built parts.
- Wing or rotor folds not included as part of the original kit shall fall into this class.
- ***Subjects which have an exterior skin or covering removed to show interior structure shall also be classed as super detailed.***

Bases and Cases

- Bases will be allowed in all categories, and will not be considered in the judging except dioramas.
- The base will not be larger than 1.5 times the model size.
- Any base over 4 sq. feet (0.327 sq. metres) must be pre-registered with the Competition Secretary and approved before the date of the Competition.
- A base may simulate the natural environment on which the model may be found. This is to show the subject in context, for example, uneven ground to show vehicle suspension deflected, runway markings, etc.
- A small amount of natural surroundings is allowed, but this may not deflect from being able to see all sides of the model.
- Aircraft requiring beaching gear or trolleys may be so equipped.
- Ships may be displayed on water, but dry-docks are not allowed.
- 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 that entries are not judged and/or awards may be withdrawn.

Figures

- In all classes except dioramas, each entry may be displayed with either the crew members and / or passengers (who must be in or on the aircraft/vehicle, etc.) or with one figure on the base to indicate scale, but not both.
- Figures placed on or in the aircraft/vehicle and on the base shall mean that the entry is classed as a Diorama.
- Figures may be from any source.
- In the Standard Kit classes only those figures provided with the kit can be used.

Dioramas

- A Diorama shall be defined as one or more items (not necessarily from the same class) on a scenic base, with or without figures, conveying a specific theme or real life situation.
- Diorama base sizes exceeding 4 sq. feet (0.327 sq. metres) must be pre-registered and approved by the Competition Secretary.
- If an entry contains major elements from more than one class (except for vehicles shown with their normal load) it will be considered as a Diorama.

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