

Contest guidelines

Most of our model contest categories are self-explanatory, but we wanted to provide some clarification on some points to help avoid any confusion during your model planning or entry process.

- 1) In any category that involves a single standalone model, such as Steam Locomotive, Diesel, Speeder, Rolling Stock, Logging Truck, and so on: The model will be displayed by itself, with no ancillary hardware. For example, a Steam Locomotive or Diesel would not also include a caboose or rolling stock such as log cars.
- 2) A model in item #1 above will be displayed by itself, without a decorative base. A “decorative base” would include a piece of track surrounded by some scenic material, a bridge, or some other decorative display accessory. A model displayed on a decorative base will be reclassified as H-Diorama or I-Mini Diorama, depending on size.
- 4) H – Diorama: Due to space limitations, we are limiting the maximum diorama size to six square feet. This could be a 2x3 foot model, a 1-1/2x4 foot model, or any size combination that adds up to six square feet at maximum.
- 5) Commercially-built models are not permitted in the contest, but they can be presented for display only as space allows. “Commercially-built” does not mean a model built or kitbashed from kit, it means a model built for hire (or built for free as a charitable contribution) for display in a museum, a customer’s personal collection and so on.