

Judging Rules For IPMS Santa Rosa Fall 2024 Show

1. All Judges shall use the Gold/Silver/Bronze Judging criteria. Please refer to the Judges' Guide And Judging Standards for the IPMS Santa Rosa Fall 2024 Show for an in-depth description of the standards for the Gold/Silver Bronze Judging Criteria.

2. When judging, treat the model as if it were your own work.

3. Do not pick up the models for judging.

- a. The only reason you should pick up the model is if it needs to be moved. Models should NOT be moved for visibility while judging. If that is required, it must be done by the Head Judge or Head of Category. Other Judges should ensure other people are distant during the process so the judge is not jostled while moving the piece. USE CARE!
- b. If the model is on a base, treat the model as if it was not attached.
- c. If the model is placed on top of an entry form, move it by the entire form rather than touching the model.
- d. Have a designated person in your judging group that will move the models.

4. Place all lanyards, model credentials, or name tags that are not securely fastened on your shirt/jacket/sweater etc., in your pocket while judging to avoid contact with models.

5. Be extremely mindful if wearing a hat, ball cap, beret, helmet, face mask, etc.

6. Judging shall begin once the category starts seeing entries come in.

- a. Lead Judges and teams are organised and trained in advance of the show.
- b. Be mindful that there will be people watching as you judge. Be courteous and respectful but do not engage in conversation or interactions during the judging except with your fellow judges.
- c. If people are trying to engage the judges or influencing the judging, please ask them to move away and wait on judging until they have done so. Call the Head Judge if the person is failing to comply.

9. Contest entries will close at noon.

10. Category Head Judges will pick up the judging forms from the Model Entry Form Coordinator.

11. Category Head Judges are responsible for running their category judging how they see fit though in accordance with the IPMS Santa Rosa Fall 2024 Show Judges' Guide.

12. Judging Guidance:

- a. These are **NOT participation awards**. A model either meets the standards for a Gold/Silver/Bronze award, or it doesn't. The only exception is that, as noted in the Judges Guide, all junior category entries should receive an award.

- b. The identity of the modeler should be ignored and not given any consideration in judging the model. Impartiality and avoidance of bias are very important.

13. Once judging is complete:

- a. The Team Lead should ensure a check mark or an X is placed in the “Model Judged” section in the upper right hand corner of the Model Entry Form.
- b. For every model, on the back of the entry form, just above the modeler’s name, write G, S, B, or NA (No Award).
- c. The Team Lead is responsible for ensuring that all models are judged and that the model judging forms are completely filled out.
- d. Once the form is filled out and you are complete with Judging, return the filled out form to the Model Entry Form Coordinator.
- e. Please write legibly. Pay careful attention to spelling of the person’s full name.
- f. For Silver and Bronze awards, the award will be placed next to the model.
- g. Do not immediately place the Silver or Bronze award; wait until 3:00 pm to begin placing awards.
- h. Placement of the awards will be completed by the teams that judged that category.

14. Category Head Judges and the Team Leads will select the Best Of’s for their category from the gold medal winners in the category.

15. As a group, the Category Head Judges and Contest Head Judge will select the Best of Show award, from the Best Of winners in each category.

16. Special awards will be selected by either the award sponsor or specified individuals nominated by the Category Head Judge or Contest Head Judge.

17. Judging shall be complete by 3:00 pm. Judging teams and the Category Head Judges should plan and organize their time accordingly.

18. All Gold, Best Of’s, Special, People’s Choice, and Best of Show awards will be announced during the Awards Presentation.

19. If there are any questions or concerns at all, please consult your Category Head Judge or the Head Judge.