

BUFFCON CONTEST CATEGORIES (Entries may be made from any material)

AIRCRAFT

1/144 = 1/101 to 1/2000, 1/72 = 1/100 to 1/60, 1/48 = 1/59 to 1/40, 1/32 = 1/39 to 1/1

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| 1. BIPLANES & RIGGED TYPES 1/72 & SMALLER | 9. JET AIRCRAFT 1/48 |
| 2. BIPLANES & RIGGED TYPES 1/48 & LARGER | 10. ALL EXCEPT CIVIL 1/32 & LARGER |
| 3. SINGLE ENGINE PROP 1/72 | 11. ALL EXCEPT CIVIL 1/144 & SMALLER |
| 4. SINGLE ENGINE PROP 1/48, ALLIED | 12. CIVIL & CIVIL USE ALL SCALES |
| 5. SINGLE ENGINE PROP 1/48, AXIS | 13. ROTARY WING, 1/48 & SMALLER |
| 6. MULTI ENGINE PROP 1/72 | 14. ROTARY WING, 1/32 & LARGER |
| 7. MULTI ENGINE PROP 1/48 | 15. SCRATCH BUILT & MAJOR CONVERSIONS ALL SCALES |
| 8. JET AIRCRAFT 1/72 | 16. OUT OF BOX ALL SCALES |

MILITARY VEHICLES – 1/48 & LARGER EXCEPT AS NOTED

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| 17. VEHICLES, FULLY TRACKED, 1/72 & SMALLER | 23. VEHICLES, FULLY TRACKED, VISIBLE INTERIOR/FIGHTING COMPARTMENT AFVs AXIS, PRE 1946 |
| 18. VEHICLES, SOFTSKIN, WHEELED VEHICLES, PERSONNEL CARRIERS, CARGO CARRIERS, UNARMORED VEHICLES, ALL PERIODS, 1/72 & SMALLER | 24. VEHICLES, FULLY TRACKED, VISIBLE INTERIOR/FIGHTING COMPARTMENT AFVs MODERN, POST 1945 |
| 19. VEHICLES, FULLY TRACKED, CLOSED TOP AFVs, ALLIED, PRE 1946 | 25. VEHICLES, SOFTSKIN, HALFTRACKS & ARMORED WHEELED VEHICLES, ALL PERIODS |
| 20. VEHICLES, FULLY TRACKED, CLOSED TOP AFVs, AXIS, PRE 1946 | 26. VEHICLES, ORDNANCE & PRIME MOVERS UNDER TOW ALL PERIODS ALL SCALES |
| 21. VEHICLES, FULLY TRACKED, CLOSED TOP AFVs MODERN, POST 1945 | 27. VEHICLES, MAJOR CONVERSIONS & SCRATCHBUILDS ALL PERIODS ALL SCALES |
| 22. VEHICLES, FULLY TRACKED, VISIBLE INTERIOR/FIGHTING COMPARTMENT AFVs ALLIED, PRE 1946 | 28. VEHICLES ALL OUT OF BOX, ALL SCALES, ALL PERIODS |

AUTOMOTIVE – ALL SCALES EXCEPT AS NOTED

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| 29. FACTORY STOCK | 36. LIGHT TRUCKS, PICKUPS, SUVs, CAR BASED POLICE & EMERGENCY VEHICLES |
| 30. CUSTOM & SHOW CARS | 37. HEAVY TRUCKS, COMMERCIAL; HEAVY FIRE, RESCUE & EMERGENCY VEHICLES |
| 31. STREET RODS & HOT RODS, 1949 & OLDER | 38. ALL 1/32 & SMALLER |
| 32. HOT RODS & STREET MACHINES, 1950 & LATER | 39. ALL 1/20 & LARGER |
| 33. COMPETITION, OPEN WHEEL | 40. MOTORCYCLES |
| 34. COMPETITION, CLOSED WHEEL | 41. ALL OUT OF BOX |
| 35. DRAGSTERS (INCLUDING FUNNY CARS & PRO STOCK | |

SHIPS

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| 42. OARS and SAIL, ALL SCALES | 44. POWERED, 1/400 & LARGER |
| 43. POWERED, 1/401 & SMALLER | 45. SHIPS, SUBMARINES, ALL SCALES |
| | 46. OUT OF BOX, ALL SCALES |

FIGURES

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| 47. FOOT & MOUNTED, 30MM & SMALLER | 52. BUSTS. ALL SCALES |
| 48. FOOT, 31mm TO 90MM | 53. FANTASY, SCIENCE FICTION, TV, MOVIES & COMICS, 200MM TALL & SMALLER |
| 49. MOUNTED, 31mm TO 90MM | 54. FANTASY, SCIENCE FICTION, TV, MOVIES & COMICS, LARGER THAN 200MM TALL |
| 50. FOOT LARGER THAN 90MM | 55. VIGNETTES, FIGURES ONLY, NO VEHICLES, ALL SCALES |
| 51. FIGURES, MOUNTED, LARGER THAN 90MM | |

SPACE & SCIENCE FICTION

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| 56. SCIENCE FICTION, FICTIONAL SUBJECTS, INCLUDES, SPACECRAFT, HYPOTHETICAL AND POWERED SUITS, ALL SCALES |
| 57. REAL SPACE, REAL SPACECRAFT, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT, ALL SCALES |

DIORAMAS

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| 58. MILITARY VEHICLE DIORAMAS, ALL SCALES | 60. SHIP DIORAMAS, ALL SCALES |
| 59. AIRCRAFT DIORAMAS, ALL SCALES | 61. ALL OTHER DIORAMAS, ALL SCALES |

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| 62. COLLECTIONS, FIVE OR MORE RELATED SUBJECTS | 64. HUMOR IN MODELING, ALL SCALES |
| 63. MISCELLANEOUS, ALL OTHER ENTRIES | 65. MASTER MODELER |

JUNIOR ENTRIES Categories 66 - 70

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| 66. BANTAM (AGES 10 & UNDER), ALL ENTRIES | 69. JUNIOR (AGES 11 TO 17) ALL AUTOMOTIVE |
| 67. JUNIOR (AGES 11 TO 17), ALL AIRCRAFT | 70. JUNIOR (AGES 11 TO 17), ALL OTHER SUBJECTS |
| 68. JUNIOR (AGES 11 TO 17), ALL MILITARY VEHICLES | |

*** NEW Category for 2016 ***

71.Modified \ Customized Die Cast Models-All Kinds/All Scales

CONTEST RULES

1. This contest is **Open to all Registrants. IPMS membership is encouraged, but Not Required**
2. Neither Niagara Frontier Chapter, the proprietors of the contest site, or the judges assume liability for loss or damage to entries.
3. Models which have been **First Place winners at previous BuffCons** may **ONLY** be entered in the **Master Modeler category**. Please do not abuse this rule. We like to see new models!
4. Models may be displayed on simple bases. Except for Diorama categories, bases will not be considered during judging.
5. The Chief Judge may combine or split categories prior to judging. The Chief Judge is responsible for all judging issues. All decisions of the Chief Judge are final.
6. Models built to scales other than those listed shall be placed in the nearest appropriate scale category.
7. Out of Box entries (including "Hi-Tech" kits) are to be constructed from the contents of the kit per the kit instructions, with the following exceptions: you MAY fill seams; sand off rivets and panel lines; restore lost surface detail; drill out guns, exhausts or other appropriate openings; thin edges; add rigging, antennae and simple tape or decal seat belts; and choose alternate color schemes and decals. Weathering is permitted. You MAY NOT make or replace any part; add details; or separate such parts as doors, canopies, surfaces or hatches; except as listed above. **THE KIT INSTRUCTION SHEET MUST BE DISPLAYED WITH YOUR ENTRY.**
8. Entries made from commercial vacuform kits shall be registered in the appropriate standard category.
9. Conversions must constitute a major change of version, model or mark. Conversions must be accompanied by a description of the changes involved. **ENTRIES THAT USE A COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE CONVERSION KIT (OR KITS) WILL BE PLACED IN THE APPROPRIATE NON-CONVERSION CATEGORY.**
10. A scratch built model shall comprise 25% or less of commercially available or kit supplied parts, with the remainder fabricated by the modeler,
11. Bantam and/or Junior modelers may enter Adult categories.
12. All disputes will be referred to both the Category Coordinator and the Chief Judge for resolution.
13. All awards must be picked up at the contest.
14. **Die Cast Models - Out of the box die cast models are not allowed in any category. Modified or Customized die cast models may only be entered in Cat.71. Models in this category will only be judged on the extent of the modifications / customization as described in detail on the entry form and on the related workmanship. ENTRIES IN THIS CATEGORY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR BEST IN SHOW.**

HANDLING OF MODELS

1. It may become necessary for IPMS Niagara Frontier members (under the direct supervision of the Chief Judge) to adjust placement of models on the display tables due to the varying amount of entries received in the contest categories.
2. During judging, some judges may find it necessary to pick up a model to inspect its underside. If a modeler does not want his/her model to be handled by the judges, he/she is to note this on the entry form that accompanies every model in competition.
3. Although not required, it is strongly recommended by IPMS Niagara Frontier that models be firmly attached to a base.
4. Handling of models by contest personnel will be kept to an absolute minimum.