

2025 ASMS Show Contest Categories

*Box stock categories may ONLY use parts provided in the kit. NO scratch-built parts, parts from other kits, or aftermarket parts may be used. Kit instructions MUST be on display with the model. Aftermarket decals are allowed.

NEW CATEGORIES FOR 2025!

100: JUNIORS (Age 17 & Under)

102: Junior Aircraft

103: Junior Armor

104: Junior Automotive

105: Junior Science Fact/Fiction

106: Junior Miscellaneous

200: AIRCRAFT

201: Box Stock*

202: Scratch-built/Vacuform (All types/ eras/ scales)

203: Civilian (All types/ eras/ scales)

204: Rotary Wing (All types/ eras/ scales)

205: Biplane/Aircraft with Struts, Fabric & Rigging (All types/ eras/ scales)

Military Aircraft

206: 1/100 or smaller (All types/eras)

207: 1/32 or larger Prop (All types/eras)

208: 1/32 or larger Jet (All types/eras)

209: 1/72 Small Prop (Single engine or $\leq 50'$ wingspan)

210: 1/72 Large Prop (Multi engine or $> 50'$ wingspan)

211: 1/72 Jets (All types/ eras/ scales)

212: 1/48 Axis Small Prop (Single engine or $\leq 50'$ wingspan)

213: 1/48 Allied Small Prop (Single engine or $\leq 50'$ wingspan)

214: 1/48 Large Prop (Multi engine or $> 50'$ wingspan)

215: 1/48 Jet (Single engine)

216: 1/48 Jet (Multi engine)

217: Rockets, Missiles, & UAVs (All types/eras/scales)

220: Classic Kit – any aircraft model made from a pre-1979 kit

300: ARMOR

301: Box Stock*

302: 1/72 or smaller (All types/eras)

303: 1/48 (All types/eras)

1/35 and Larger

- 304: Armored Cars & APCs
- 305: Artillery (Towed/carriage mounted or emplaced)
- 306: Open Topped AFVs & SPAs
- 307: Soft Skin Vehicles
- 308: Fully Tracked AFVs (Up to 1959, single-color)
- 309: Fully Tracked AFVs (Up to 1959, multi-color)
- 310: Fully Tracked AFVs (1960 to present)
- 320: Classic Kit – any armor model made from a pre-1979 kit

400: AUTOMOTIVE

- 401: Box Stock*
- 402: Street Rod (1950 & earlier)
- 403: Street Machine (1951 & later)
- 404: Factory/Showroom Stock
- 405: Competition – Open Wheel
- 406: Competition – Closed Wheel
- 407: Commercial Vehicle & Light Trucks
- 408: 1/32 & Smaller
- 409: Curbside
- 410: Custom
- 411: Motorcycle

500: WATERCRAFT

- 501: Sailing & Civilian Ships
- 502: Large Surface Naval Ship ($\geq 1/500$)
- 503: Small Surface Naval Ship ($< 1/500$)
- 504: Submarine
- 520: Classic Kit – any aircraft model made from a pre-1979 kit

600: SCIENCE FACT & FICTION

- 601: Sci Fact: Space, Land & Research Vehicles
- 602: Sci Fiction: Land, Sea Vehicles
- 603: Sci Fiction: Flying & Space Vehicles
- 604: Mobile Fighting Suits (non Gundam)
- 605: Gundam 1/144
- 606: Gundam 1/100
- 607: Gundam 1/60 and Larger
- 608: Gundam Super Deformed

NOTE: Gundam Categories will be judged on a point system instead of IPMS style. Points given for build 40%, finish 40%, and presentation 20%. Awards will be given to first, second, and third place winners.

700: FIGURES

NOTE: Judging will be done by Open System (aka “Chicago Style”) with gold, silver, and bronze awards.

701: Painters Division (Only figure will be judged).

702: Open Division (Everything, including figure and groundwork, on the base will be judged).

800: COLLECTION

801: Collection (Any group of 5 or more closely related models. Entries can be the work of an individual or a group.)

802: Triathlon (Three models from different major categories, all built by the same modeler. Previous winners in solo categories are eligible in this category only.)

803: Miniature Army (Any group of five or more closely related gaming miniatures. Judging is based on painting skill and the size of the army.)

804: I’ve Improved! – a model kit built approximately ten plus years ago entered along with a recently completed model built from the same kit. This category will be judged on most improvement shown between old and recently built models.

900: DIORAMA

901: Aircraft

902: Armor

903: Automotive

904: Figure

905: Watercraft

906: Science Fact & Fiction

1000: MISCELLANEOUS

1001: Biological (e.g. Dinosaurs, reptiles, mammals)

1002: Mechanical & Structural

2000: THEME AWARD

Only the first place winner in this category will be awarded with the theme award trophy.

Unless specified, we use the IPMS Contest rules for judging our categories. For further information please visit www.ipmsusa.org/naBonal_contest_commiree/index.shtml

The judges will make every effort not to touch any model. However, category splits and crowding often make this impossible. No model will be assumed to be attached to the base.

ASMS requests that participants do not display entries that depict extreme violence, sexual acts, or other offensive subjects.

ASMS reserves the right to split contest categories at our discretion. Questions and disputes over model eligibility, category placement, and judging criteria are to be referred to the Head Judge at the event. The decision of the Head Judge is final... NCB!

Categories are subject to change. Please visit www.austinsms.org for the latest updates.