

## MODEL CONTEST RULES

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(Formerly BY-LAW 21)

- 21:1 A model contest shall be held at every annual convention of the Federation.
- 21:2 The MFMR Contest Coordinator or a member of the Federation, belonging to the host group or club shall be designated as contest chairman and shall be responsible to the convention chairman for the preparation of forms and judging procedures as stated in these articles. The contest chairman may, at the discretion of the contest chairman, attend council meetings for the express purpose of answering questions pertaining to the contest.
- 21:3 There shall be two (2) classes for the purpose of judging and awards;
- (1) 'REGULAR' which shall include any member entering in any category who has not received "first" in that category in a previous contest - excepting those who received "honourary first(s)" [see 21:13] only, and
  - (2) 'CRAFTSMAN' which shall include any member entering a model in a category in which they have received "first" in a previous contest - excepting those who have only ever received an "honourary first" . [see 21:13]
- 21:4 There shall be eight (8) categories for models;
- (1) STEAM LOCOMOTIVES; types of locomotives representative of steam power, including both rod and geared examples, but not including passenger carrying rail cars.
  - (2) DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES AND OTHERS; all locomotives (ie Diesel, Diesel-Electric, and Electric) except steam types and passenger carrying rail cars.
  - (3) PASSENGER CARS; all types of passenger carrying and passenger consist cars, including, baggage, mail, combines, express reefer, express, observation, and business cars. Also includes traction, RDC, steam, and gas-electric rail cars and rail buses.
  - (4) FREIGHT CARS; all types of revenue freight cars, including express cars and express reefers not normally associated with passenger consists.
  - (5) CABOOSES [VANS]; all types, including bobbers, drovers, transfers etc.
  - (6) MAINTENANCE OF WAY; right of way and track maintenance vehicles, rail and inspection cars, railroad cars and other non revenue cars for use by railroad personnel, except private and business cars.
  - (7) STRUCTURES; all buildings and structures that might be used on a model railroad. These entries must not include supplemental scenery although they may have small details on the structure itself ie: figures, carts, milk cans, etc.
  - (8) DIORAMAS; any model or group of models which includes supplemental scenery and is on a rail line or siding. The rail line or siding need not be included in cases where it is designed to fit into an existing or proposed model railroad layout. The contest chairman shall decide diorama versus structure in case of question. The size of a diorama is limited to a maximum base size of 6 square feet in G scales (1:22 to 1:32); 6 square feet in O and O-27 scales (1:43 to 1:48); 5 square feet in S Scale (1:64); 4 square feet HO/OO scales (1:72 to 1:87); 3 square feet in TT scale (1:120); 2 square feet in N scale (1:160); and 1.5 square feet in Z scale (1:220). The base may be a regular or an irregular shape providing the projected footprint meets the above criteria.
- NOTE: In cases of doubt the contest chairman shall decide the appropriate category into which a particular model shall be entered and where possible, will so advise the entrant."
- 21:5 An appropriate form shall be completed for each model to be entered in the contest. The contest chairman shall not be obliged to receive any model without the appropriate form properly completed by the member.
- 21:6 All submissions are to be anonymous.
- 21:7 Upon receiving a model with its documentation, the contest chairman or a member of the contest committee shall assign it an identification number.
- 21:8 The bottom part of the entry form., the 'Model Return Form', shall be signed and given back to the owner.

- 21:9 An entry identification card shall be prepared by the contest committee showing the following information.
- (1) The identification number (article 21:7)
  - (2) The classification; regular or craftsman (article 21:3)
  - (3) The category; caboose, freight car, etc. (article 21:4)
  - (4) A title or description; ie: CNR caboose, Ray's Feed Store, etc. as indicated on the model contest entry form (article 21:5)
  - (5) Construction information; scratch built; super detailed kit etc. as indicated on the model contest entry form (article 21:5)
- 21:10 The models shall be arranged for viewing in a space separate from all other activities, where they can be viewed for voting purposes. models shall be arranged by category with the information card in front of each entry. Models and their information cards shall be arranged so that one does not obscure the proper and adequate viewing of another. A member of the contest committee shall be present in the viewing room at all times to ensure a reasonable measure of security against damage or loss.
- Modelers may include an additional 3 by 5 inch file card with additional information pertaining to the entry OR include a 4 by 6 inch or smaller photograph of the prototype, but not both. However, notes may also be added to the 3 by 5 inch file card [21:9] that identifies the model.
- Modelers may not include display cases or display apparatus for rolling stock excepting a piece of track without roadbed and without ballast  
for the purposes of stabilizing their model.
- 21:11 Every Federation member registered at the convention shall be entitled to participate in the voting process.
- 21:12 Each member voting, shall be provided with model contest score sheets, one for 'regular', one for the 'craftsman' classification, and one for choosing "Best-In-Show" and other related contests. Each sheet shall be arranged to list one choice for best model in each category. A member of the contest committee shall be available in the contest room to explain the scoring procedure and to assist where necessary.
- 21:13 In cases where less than 3 models are entered in any category, prizes may be awarded to the first and second contestants. However, in the case of "regular" class categories, the first place winner will be awarded an "honourary first" that waives the requirement to be promoted to "craftsman" class.
- 21:14 When voting members have finished their score sheets, a member of the contest committee shall commence tabulation of the final point scores for each model.
- 21:15 All submissions shall be the sole work of the entrant
- 21:16 Entrants are limited to a single submission in any one category. A submission may be entered in only one category and in only one contest.
- 21:17 Owners of models shall present the 'Model Return Form' to the contest committee, and upon signing the release, have his/her model returned.
- 21:18 The contest chairman shall prepare a summary of all models entered, with the final tally of points awarded to each, along with supporting documents, eg: entry forms; score sheets, and return forms.
- 21:19 The contest chairman shall provide a list of all models awarded certificates and prizes to the editor of the Federation's publication within a reasonable time after the convention.
- 21:20 The contest chairman shall provide to the council, any suggestions or comments that he/she may feel beneficial or helpful to the procedures followed in future model contests.
- 21:21 The convention committee in conjunction with the contest chairman, may, if they choose, sponsor a 'Theme Category' for the model contest. In such case, notice of the special theme shall be published or otherwise made known to all the members of the Federation, not later than 90 days prior to the contest date.
- 21:22 The above articles notwithstanding, every attempt shall be made to use common sense and good judgement in the conducting of model contests held under the sponsorship of the Federation or any of its member groups or clubs.

## **Addendum**

### **Lou Simard Award**

As a promoter of our hobby, Lou always felt we should encourage young model railroaders – not only boys and girls but also young men and women in their twenties facing the challenges of families and careers.

With this in mind, the Federation will award the Lou Simard Founders Award. The Award will be presented to a member less than 25 years of age who has submitted a model in the regular class and has not previously advanced to the Craftsman class in any category. The winner will be determined by the votes collected during the voting process.

The winner will receive \$100 and a certificate.