

JAXCON 2025 RULES

MODEL HANDLING NOTICE: JAXCON HAS A POLICY OF HANDLING MODELS AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE FOR THE SHOW AND FOR JUDGING. HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE YOUR MODEL MAY BE PICKED UP OR MOVED IN ORDER TO RENDER THE FAIREST EVALUATION OF YOUR OVERALL CRAFTSMANSHIP. THIS WILL BE DONE WITH THE UTMOST CARE WHEN DONE AND UNDER SUPERVISION. IF THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, PLEASE ASK ABOUT DISPLAYING YOUR MODEL INSTEAD OF ENTERING THE CONTEST.

- 1) This contest is a plastic model contest, using the IPMSUSA definition of “plastic”. Other types of models (such as wooden, die-cast, etc.) may be displayed (if space is available), but not entered into the contest.
- 2) All entries must be the sole work of the individual entering it in the contest. “Mutual” builds are not allowed. Proxy entries, models entered for others under the builder’s name are allowed as long as their separate fees are paid.
- 3) This is an “open” style contest, meaning EVERY entry will be judged against a published standard; not against anything else on the table beside it.
- 4) Entries will be awarded either a Gold, Silver, or Bronze medal ***IF*** they meet the appropriate standard in the *opinion of the judges*. Any entry deemed to be below the Bronze standard will receive no award.
- 5) NO past winners (any type of award) from any past **JAXCON**, IPMS Regionals, or IPMSUSA Nationals may be entered in **JAXCON**; *EXCEPT for the Ace of Aces Zone, where past winners go head-to-head against each other (see rule 15), and except for 2 of 5 models in a collection (see rule 14).*
- 6) For our purposes, a JUNIOR is someone who has not reached their 18th birthday by the date of the show. Anyone 18 or more years of age must compete as an Adult, and their entries will be judged by the Adult Standard
- 7) **JAXCON** reserves the right to refuse any entry that is deemed obscene or blatantly offensive. In general, IPMSUSA “Rule 5” will be the guideline for determining these types of entries. However, the **JAXCON Head Judge** has the final say in this matter.

8) No liability for loss or damage to contest entries is implied or assumed by IPMSUSA, IPMS First Coast, the North Jax Baptist Church, or the contest judges. By entering this contest the attendee implicitly understands and agrees their model may be touched/handled and that incurs a risk.

9) All decisions of the judges are FINAL. If you have any questions or problems, DO NOT engage any judges. Go find the HEAD JUDGE and talk to him, as he's the ONLY one who can resolve any issue you may have. Please do this BEFORE you leave, as it may be impossible to resolve a problem after everyone has gone home.

10) The judges will award a "Best Of" award for: aircraft, armor, automotive, ships, figures, sci-fi/space, dioramas, Legos, and Gundams. A Judge's Grand Award and Best Junior Model will also be chosen. These will be chosen from the Gold medal winners. If no Gold medal model is present, then the Silver winners will compete for it.

11) Since models compete on their own merits, and not against each other, *there is NO Out-Of-the-Box grouping.*

12) Models will be divided and displayed by ZONES (like-type groups of models). While similarly labeled like "categories", these only serve to help the contestants know where to place their entries and to help the judges divide up their work, and not to imply that models in those Zones are competing against one another.

13) DIORAMAS: these entries will have EVERYTHING on the base judged. Any award given will be the judge's opinion on the balance of quality of ALL parts of the entry.

14) COLLECTIONS: A *minimum of 5 models* that are CLOSELY RELATED constitute a collection. Any award given will be the judge's opinion on the balance of quality of ALL the models in the collection. No more than TWO (2) models in any collection may be a past winner from ANY contest.

15) ACE of ACES: this is the ONLY 1-2-3 (first, second, third) CATEGORY in the **JAXCON** show. These are models that have won an award at ANY previous model show of any kind; and will go "head-to-head" for the awards. They are NOT eligible

for any of the “Best Of” Awards. Entrants can feel free to enter the model AND also display its award with it in the category.

16) Bases: Bases are allowed in all areas, BUT contestants with oversized bases should contact the Head Judge to be sure space can be allowed for that entry. Bases will NOT be judged in any Zone except the Diorama Zones.

17) Power needs: if your entry needs electrical power you need to contact the Head Judge ahead of time so we can try to accommodate your need. If a power connection (run cord) is deemed a safety hazard to attendees, connection may be denied.

18) Legos and Gundams - Lego and Gundam models will be judged according to the separate Lego/Gundam criteria, which is listed with the other GSB criteria on our website. In general they will be judged by construction, finish, presentation, and bonus points in order to earn a medal.

19) OVERSIZED DISPLAYS/MODELS- If your model or display base is ***larger than 2ft x 2ft***, please contact the Chief Judge so we can try to allow the extra needed space in that Zone the model will be displayed in. Failure to do so may result in our being unable to accommodate your entry on show day.