

## **JAXCON 2019 GSB RULES**

- 1) Eligibility- The contest is open to all model builders who pay the entry fee. People do NOT have to be members of IPMSUSA or members of any other model club. Contestants may only enter models that they themselves have built and finished. Proxy entries are not allowed. This is a PLASTIC model contest, using the IPMSUSA definitions of what qualifies under the term “plastics”. No radio controlled, die cast, or paper models will be judged; but may be displayed if room is available.
- 2) Juniors- Junior entries shall be those who are 17 years of age and younger on the day of the contest. Juniors CAN enter into the regular adult contest zones IF they desire, but will then compete under the ADULT GSB Standard, instead of the Junior GSB Standard.
- 3) Prior Winners- Models that have placed or won at a previous Jaxcon, or at an IPMS *Regional* or *National* are not eligible for entry in the regular contest zones. They MUST be entered in the “Ace of Aces” category where past award winners of all types compete head to head with each other. The only other exception to this rule is in the Collections Zone, where no more than 2/5ths of any collection may be past winning entries.
- 4) Inappropriate Entries- In general, Jaxcon will follow the IPMSUSA “Rule 5” and reserves the right to either limit viewing or ban any entry of any genre it deems as inappropriate, lewd, grossly graphic, or obscene. The Jaxcon Chief Judge is the final arbiter on this. Entrants should keep in mind this is a contest open to the general public, including children.
- 5) Oversized/Special Needs Displays- Jaxcon will make every attempt to accommodate oversized entries and those that may need access to power outlets. However, as models are placed on the tables in a first come, first served manner, no guarantees can be made. Entrants with these types of displays are strongly encouraged to contact the Chief Judge before the show to try to make arrangements.

6) Model Display Duration- Entrants are strongly encouraged to leave their models on the table until AFTER the awards ceremony has concluded to allow for the most viewing by all attendees. Jaxcon will not be held liable for shipping awards to contestants who leave before the awards have all been handed out.

7) JUDGING- Jaxcon is an OPEN GSB (Gold, Silver, Bronze) contest. EVERY ENTRY WILL BE JUDGED AGAINST A STANDARD. This means you're competing against the *written standard* and NOT against any other model in the show or beside you on the table. MODELS WILL BE JUDGED BASED ON CRAFTSMANSHIP, not accuracy. Judging will be done by volunteers who have experience and/or have been trained to the JAXCON GSB Standard. They will judge INDIVIDUALLY. Their award recommendations will be compiled and averaged by scorers to determine how each entry will be awarded. In the case of a statistical tie in the scoring, a Head Judge or the Chief Judge will cast the tie breaking recommendation. The judge's decisions are final. See the web pages on The Standard and Judges Duties for more detail and a better understanding of the JAXCON GSB judging system. Be aware that the models MAY be moved or picked up during judging. If you do not wish your model to be picked up or moved, you should DISPLAY your model instead of entering it in the contest.

8) Contest Etiquette- YOU, as a contestant and/or attendee will be required to give those judging the elbow room and privacy they need to judge. Remember that these are VOLUNTEERS giving up their free time to do you a service- judge your entries! You must not hover around, nor try to "lobby" (positively or negatively) ANY judge at ANY time for or against ANY model; yours or anyone else's. Be aware that theirs is only ONE opinion (judgement) of MANY that the scorers will use to render the final decision on what gets a medal and what does not. Contestants or attendees that violate this rule may be disqualified and asked to leave the show.

9) Display Zones- You will note that there are now *display zones* instead of categories. These are designed so you know where to place your entry. In general, it's the same as before: aircraft go with aircraft, autos with autos, tanks with tanks, etc.. However, note that these zones ONLY denote where models are

grouped for display, and to help the judges with their assignments. They do NOT denote what models are competing with each other, as NO models are competing with any others for the GSB awards. (See rule #7)

10) Builder's Notes- Entrants are strongly encouraged to include building details on their individual model entry forms beside/under their model. This is especially true since there are no longer separate categories for out of the box, conversions, and scratch built models. Entrants may include additional materials to explain the work done, but are strongly encouraged to use an index card or some similar small paper to do so. Oversized materials may have to be removed to make room for other entries on the table.

11) Markings- In cases of subjects that have been used by both the military and civilians, the markings will determine where it should be displayed. In general, markings on models entered may be from anywhere; kit or aftermarket, or they may be painted on. "Hypothetical" markings will simply be judged to the same judging standard as "accurate" markings, as to the craftsmanship displayed in their application.

12) Bases- Display bases are allowed, though oversized bases may be cause for an entry to be moved to a more convenient area. Bases, and the items on it surrounding the subject, will NOT be judged, except in the diorama categories.

13) Collections- A collection MUST have no fewer than 5 models in it. Those models *should* have a close, easily determined theme. Note that collections will be judged on BOTH the individual model level as well as an "overall" level. The models in a collection will have to be both individually impressive as well as impressive overall to win a medal. There is no separate standard for the Collections Zone.

14) Dioramas- A diorama will be classified as any entry that *portrays action* or "*sets a scene*". A base may or may not be needed for this. Dioramas will have ALL parts of their entry judged, including any groundwork, figures, or equipment included along with the main subject(s). As in Collections, there is no separate

standard for Dioramas and they will be judged on both the individual item level as well as the overall execution of the diorama.

15) “Ace of Aces”- this is the ONLY 1-2-3 CATEGORY in the Jaxcon show. Entrants will be winners from any past show from anywhere, EXCEPT past winners of the Jaxcon Ace of Aces category (first, second, or third), which are disqualified from entering again. Jaxcon will award 3 awards (and only 3) in this category, unless there are fewer than 3 entries.

16) Out of the Box models- There is no separate Zone, nor Standard, for judging OOTB models. Entrants do NOT need to bring their instruction sheets for any OOTB model they enter. They may or may not note on their form that their entry is OOTB.

17) Display models- Jaxcon will make every attempt to provide display space for models that are not intended for competition. These models can be made from other materials besides plastic. Motorized and/or “working/flying” models may NOT be run during the show. Only STATIC display will be allowed.

In EVERY CASE, should you have any questions or are not quite sure about your entry, please do not hesitate to contact a representative of First Coast IPMS. We will be more than happy to help!