

Pikes Peak Division Model Contest Rules

1. The Contest Chair is responsible for managing all Pikes Peak Division contests, as stated in Section 6-E Contest Committee of Division Bylaws. The Chair is responsible for providing appropriate forms and other material for the fair conduct of Division contests,
2. The Contest Chair will select an assistant to help with contests and cover any Contest Chair absence,
3. The Contest Chair has the authority to disallow any entry that does not meet these rules,
4. There must be at least three (3) entries to validate the contest and each contestant must be a NMRA member in the Pikes Peak Division, in good standing,
5. Contest models and associated model write-ups (see Rule #8) must be submitted to the Contest Chair. Plans and prototype photos may be included with the contestant's model,
6. Model displays can have a small backdrop and/or section of track,
7. The contestant must have built, painted, weathered, loaded, scratch built, detailed, kit-bashed or in some way modified the model,
8. A short write-up should be included with each judged model. A write-up describes, as a minimum, all modifications, special information and/or techniques used to build or detail the model (similar to the NMRA Achievement Program requirements). A write-up could include:
 - a. Identification of all scratch built features,
 - b. All commercial components used,
 - c. Materials used in building the model,
 - d. A notation that the model is operational, if it is intended to be,
 - e. If the model is, or contains kit(s), name the kit manufacturer and the kit.

The write-up is intended to help contestants prepare for the Achievement Program and any other judged contests and, to help members understand what went into the entry for judging and learning.

While recommended, the lack of a write-up will not disqualify any entry,

9. Contestants are limited two (2) entries in each contest which meet Rules #7 and #8. A contestant's second model can be used to meet the minimum number of entries for Rule #4's contest validation. Any Contestant can exhibit additional models for display purposes only,
10. By entering the contest, the contestant automatically grants permission for the Division to photograph the models and publish the images in appropriate magazines and/or local media,
11. Ready-to-run models (i.e., simply out of the box) do not qualify for entry into a contest,
12. In a Photos Contest, the photograph itself is the entry 'model' and is the basis of judging. All rules apply. Photo contests of either models or prototype railroad scenes should be judged on the quality, composition, artistry and techniques of taking and presenting the photograph,
13. Contests are judged by Division members' popular vote at the contest meeting unless a judged contest is declared, then standard NMRA judging guidelines apply,
14. In the case of a tie for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place (equal tally marks for that place), a certificate or ribbon will be issued to each of the tying contestants,
15. Entries winning 1st place cannot be entered into any similar future Division contests. i.e. A first place in the popular vote contest may still be entered in any judged contest but not in another popular vote contest,
16. In the event that a Contest Chair or Contest Assistant Chair enters a contest with a winning entry, then the tally will be verified by another person,
17. These rules supersede all other previous contest rules.

Pikes Peak Division Model Contest Write-Up

1. Scratch Built Components
2. All Commercial Components Used
3. Materials Used in Building the Model
4. Is the Entry Operational? What parts?
5. What Kits Are Used in the Entry? Manufacturer and Kit Name.