

# South Australian Plastic Modellers Association Inc

## Scale Model Expo

### Rules pertaining to entry of models and displays for judging or public viewing

1. The organising committee will provide a voluntary judging panel of experienced modellers - their decision is final. The chief judge has overall responsibility for control of the judging process and final acceptance of results. By using a panel of judges to select placegetters we look to ensure that the personal views of judges are balanced in the decision making process to ensure a fair decision is reached.

2. The organising committee reserve the right to refuse to display any model (or visual material) considered inappropriate for public display (eg. adult themes, politically sensitive / incorrect, acts of cruelty).

With regards to any Nazi symbology displayed on an entry while legislation covering this aspect is still pending the organising committee will take the following approach to entries: A modeller will be considered displaying a model with a swastika or similar Nazi forces markings, in good faith, with regards to the applicable guidelines.

- 1 - It is for historical depictions, with photo reference and/or kit instructions to provide evidence. (e.g. swastikas on tail planes, collar markings on divisional uniforms)
- 2- For depicting scenes from entertainment media (such as Raiders of the Lost Ark, Band of Brothers, Commando Comics, Das Boot) with appropriate printed or documented evidence presented
- 3 - Is a model or figure released from a Kit manufacturer. Instructions or box art showing the symbology (it's locations) are an 'in good faith' act.
- 4- Nazi symbology is defined as display of the swastika, German SS markings or any other markings as defined in legislation.

The organising committee reserves the right to reject any entries where the use of Nazi symbols does not meet the above criteria, is considered to be in poor taste, could be seen as causing offence or is not considered appropriate for the display.

3. Models to be entered in the competition must be presented at the entry desk at the expo for review and acceptance.

4. Entrants are to complete an online entry form listing personal and model / entry details (used for administrative purposes only). Models can be entered online via the club website prior to the designated and promulgated entry cutoff date.

While assistance may be provided by the club in choosing the correct category, it is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that their models are entered into the appropriate categories.

5. Models that have previously placed in a past SAPMA expo event are ineligible for competition entry but may be entered for display only.
6. Each entrant must have completely built and finished any model entered in the competition. Kit supplied finished parts (e.g. pre-painted car bodies etc) need to be declared on the entry form.
7. Models may be displayed on a base. In such cases the judges will consider only the specific model nominated on the entry form.
8. Models displayed on a base should be removable so that the whole model can be judged. Models that are fixed to the base, and cannot be removed, may incur up to a penalty of up to 3 points. This excludes such diorama styled displays.
9. If a model is entered as a DIORAMA, all models and materials contained within the perimeter of the base will be judged as a whole.
10. The score of each model in each technically judged category will be determined by a judging schedule completed by a team comprising of two judges.
11. Placing in each technically judged category will be determined by the overall score of each model in the category.
12. Historical figures - only the figure will be judged.
13. Cross-entry between any categories is not permitted.
14. Each technically judged entry must be accompanied by the kit instructions (or copy) and appropriate reference material / notes. Resin print (3D print) or scratch built entries will require relevant references such as screenshots, design notes or an inspiration image. Critical points could be lost if these are not supplied.
15. In the event of a dispute regarding the interpretation or application of a section or sections of these rules the decision of the Judging Panel shall be final.
16. While organisers undertake to provide all reasonable care and protection of models and reference material entered in the competition, such models and references are entered at the owner's own risk and the organisers cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur during the course of the event.
17. By entering a model either for technical judging or display you agree to be bound by these entry conditions.