SyrCon Rules

1) The contest is open to ALL model builders.

2) There will be a limit of five (5) entries per contestant.

3) All entries must be the work of the contestant. Joint entries may be displayed but will not be judged.

4) Bantam contestants must be younger than twelve (12) years of age.

5) Junior contestants must be ages twelve (12) through seventeen (17) but may enter senior categories if they so choose.

6) Collections are defined as five (5) or more closely related models. Models from past winning collections may not be entered as part of a new collection. Consideration will be given to the presentation of the collection during judging.

7) Custom conversions are models to which a significant amount of fabrication and rebuilding of structures has been done by the modeler to make a substantially different model than out-of-the-box. Kit-bashing and kit conversions (resin, photo-etch, vacu-form, etc.) must be entered in the appropriate stock category.

8) Out-of-box entries must be accompanied by the kit instructions. Otherwise, they will be considered as a non out-of-box entry.

9) No reference materials, drawings or in-progress photos may be displayed with the model except in the custom conversion and scratch-built categories. Documentation should be available to verify unusual modifications or color schemes at judges' requests.

10) Sweeps are allowed.

11) All category disputes must be taken to the Chief Judge before judging begins. The Chief Judge's decisions are final in all matters.

12) No member of the judging staff shall judge a category in which he is a contestant.

13) At the discretion of the Chief Judge, we may combine, split or create new categories or move models to more appropriate categories as he deems appropriate.

14) Neither IPMS Syracuse, IPMS USA, the Cicero American Legion nor any judges assume any responsibility or liability for lost or damaged entries.

15) The IRON MAN AWARD: A contestant must enter models in three different sections of the contest (for example: an aircraft entry, an automotive entry and a figure entry) to be eligible for this award. These entries must be identified to the registration staff at the time of registration as IRON MAN Award entries to be eligible. They are then eligible for regular awards in their respective categories as well as for the IRON MAN Award. The IRONMAN Award winner is determined in a separate judging based on a point system. The contestant with the highest cumulative score will be the winner.

16) IPMS Syracuse and the Chief Judge reserve the right to bar the exhibition of any entry that would be deemed to be offensive to the general public or the Cicero American Legion in accordance with guidelines set forth by IPMS USA.

17) Definition of a vignette: a presentation that may include scenery and/or figures. It does not need to tell a story.

Definition of a diorama: it has to tell a story by its composition and title.