

## **Moss Con Judging Rules**

(Adopted from the Paxcon Judges Rules of Southern Maryland Scale Modelers)

1. All Judges shall use the Gold/Silver/Bronze Judging criteria. Please refer to the PAXCON Judges' Guide for an in-depth description of the standards for G/S/B.
2. When judging, treat the model as if it were your own work.
3. Do NOT pick up the models for judging.
  - a. The only reason you should pick up the model is to move it to the proper category. Notify the modeler and ask that they move their model. USE CARE!
  - b. If the model is on a base, treat it as if it was NOT attached.
  - c. If the model is placed on the entry form, move it by the entry form without touching the model.
  - d. Have a designated person (Lead Category Judge) in your judging group that will move the models.
4. No iPhone/Cell phone lights, flashlights, or lighted torches are permitted.
5. Protect the models being judged:
  - a. Place all lanyards, model credentials, or name tags that are not securely fastened on your shirt/jacket/sweater etc., in your pocket while judging!
  - b. Be mindful when wearing hats, ball caps, berets, face masks, etc.
  - c. Be mindful of camera and straps.
  - d. Do not hold anything above models.
6. No Opti-visors, or large magnifiers of any kind are permitted during judging. Please use the Mk. I, MOD 1 eyeball. Prescription glasses or reading glasses are allowed.
7. Judging shall begin immediately following the judge's meeting.
  - a. Contest entries close at noon or when judging begins.
  - b. Be mindful that there will be people watching as you judge.
  - c. Be courteous and respectful.
  - d. Discourage conversations with competition entrants during judging.
  - e. The judging area will be closed off to the public during judging.
8. Category Head Judges or Team Leads will pick up the judging forms from the Model Entry Form Coordinator.
9. Category Head Judges are responsible for running their category judging how they see fit, within the judging guidelines.
10. Judging Guidance:
  - a. These are NOT participation awards.
  - b. If the team is on the fence between a Bronze and no award, lean towards a Bronze award.
  - c. If there is no award given, fill out the Sticky Note with appropriate feedback checked.
    - i. Feel free to write additional feedback on the back of the model entry form if you choose.
  - d. All Junior and Youth categories shall receive an award.
  - e. A Gold award should be tough to earn.
11. Once judging is complete:
  - a. Team Leads ensure a G / S / B / or NA (No Award) is written in the "Award" section on the upper right-hand corner of the Model Entry Form, and entry number is identified in the G / S / B section of the Judges Worksheet.
    - i. Additionally, G / S / B / or NA is also identified on the entry feedback Sticky Note (if any feedback is noted) which is placed on the Model Entry Form.
  - b. The Team Lead is responsible for ensuring the model judging forms are completely filled out.

- i. Once the form is filled out and you are complete with Judging, return the filled-out form to the Model Entry Form Coordinator.
      - ii. Please write legibly. Pay careful attention to the spelling of the person's full name.
    - c. For Silver and Bronze awards, the award will be placed next to the model and/or on the Model Entry Form.
      - i. Do not immediately place the Silver and Bronze awards; wait until 3:00pm when the Awards Presentation begins to place the Silver and Bronze awards.
      - ii. Placement of the awards will be completed by the teams that have judged that category.
    - d. Youth, Juniors and Gold Awards will be handed out during the Awards Presentation.
12. Category Head Judges and their team leads will select the Best Of's for their category.
13. Special awards will be selected by either the award sponsor or specified individual nominated by the Category Head Judge or Contest Head Judge.
14. As a group, the Category Head Judges, Contest Head Judge, and Contest Chairman will select the Best of Show award.
15. Judging shall be complete by 3:00pm so Category Head Judges and Teams plan accordingly.
16. All Youth, Juniors, Golds, Specials, People's Choice, Best Of Categories, and Best of Show awards will be announced during the Awards Presentation.
17. If there are any questions or concerns at all, please consult your Category Head Judge or Moss Con Head Judge.