



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF S GAUGERS MODEL CONTEST RULES EFFECTIVE: MAY, 2019

These procedures shall be followed, without exception, in any model contest sanctioned by the National Association of S Gaugers, Incorporated (NASG). NASG-sanctioned model contests are open to NASG members in good standing only, including family members.

I RESPONSIBILITIES:

A Sponsoring organization:

- 1 Provide monitors when the contest room is open and either guards or sufficient security at other times.
- 2 Either publicize that it is not responsible for lost or damaged models, or else provide itself with insurance (see the NASG Convention Handbook for details on insurance).

B NASG Membership Chair:

- 1 Provide membership information on entrants before and/or during contest registration when not available through the NASG web site membership directory.

C NASG:

- 1 Disclaim any responsibility for lost or damaged models at NASG-sanctioned contests.
- 2 Have the NASG Contest Committee Chair (CCC) or his/her designated representative present at an NASG-sanctioned model contest.

D Entrant:

- 1 Be present at a sanctioned contest, and be personally responsible for transport of the models(s) to/from the contest venue.

II ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

A Any number of models may be entered by a contestant -- but no more than two entries per contestant in any one event.

B Must be 1/64th scale.

C Must be made in the name of the builder(s) only, who must be eligible to compete.

D A custom-built model may not be entered by the current owner in his own name.

E Ready-to-run (R-T-R) models may not be entered merely as manufactured. A minimum of three modifications must have been made to the model. These may include painting or repainting as one of the modifications, lettering as another. Failure to note these modifications on the contest entry form may result in disqualification.

III FORMER FIRST-PLACE WINNER RESTRICTIONS:

A First-place winning models in NASG-designated "Regional" contests may not be reentered in subsequent same-region NASG contests.

B First-place winning models in a National NASG contest may not be reentered in future National contests. But they may be entered in subsequent regional contests.

IV MODELERS ARE DIVIDED INTO FOUR CLASSES:

A Junior: Open to NASG members 16 years old or younger.

B Amateur: Modelers who have not won any of the following combinations in NASG contests:

1 Best-in-Show in the Amateur class.

2 Two First-Place awards.

3 Four awards for Second Place and/or Third Place.

4 Any entrant whose model wins overall Best-in-Show is automatically advanced to "Master Craftsman" class if/when entering a subsequent NASG model contest. (Modelers are encouraged to step up to the Craftsman class if they are experienced modelers, even if they have not previously entered any NASG contest.)

C Craftsman: Anyone who has won an Amateur Class award, as well as others who wish to compete on this level. Two First-Place awards, or one Best-In-Show, either overall or for Craftsman class, places the modeler in the Master Craftsman class.

D Master Craftsman: Anyone who has won a Craftsman Class award, as well as those who feel their models would be competitive with the workmanship found in this class.

Note: First-time entrants are not restricted to any particular entry class, but all models by a single modeler must be entered in the same class in any given contest, irrespective of the modeler's previous entry history. Modelers are encouraged to select a class for which they feel comfortable. However, once an entrant selects an entry class, he/she may NOT choose to move to a lesser class in subsequent NASG-sanctioned contests.

V CLASSES: (First, two definitions; Hi-Rail: Connotes models that are compatible with American Flyer track. They will not operate on NASG/NMRA-standard trackage because their wheel flanges are too deep and too thick. Scale: Connotes models whose couplers are approximately scale size *and* whose wheelsets are compatible with NASG/NMRA scale standards or NMRA P:64 Recommended Practices. Such models will not operate on Hi-Rail trackage because the flangeways are too wide for reliable tracking.) Classes are divided into the following categories:

A Hi-Rail: Any models using either American Flyer trucks and wheel sets or Hi-Rail wheel sets and American Flyer type or scale couplers. (Whether or not such models are kit-bashed, kit-built or scratch-built, they are restricted to either the Hi-Rail category or the Master Craftsman Open category.)

B Kit and Converted: Scale models on which more than 50 percent of the parts were purchased preformed by the modeler. This includes the conversion and detailing of Hi-Rail cars and locomotives and all but the most radical kit modifications.

C Scratch-Built: Fifty percent or more of the parts in the model are fabricated by the modeler. Commercial model-building materials which must be cut and shaped may be considered "scratch" (e.g. roofing and siding stock, rail, wood, metal or plastic structural shapes).

D Open: No distinction is made between Hi-Rail, Kit or Scratch.

E American Flyer Imagineering: The model, either accessory, rolling stock or locomotive, must be in the spirit of something that the A. C. Gilbert Company might have built either in the past or if the company had continued in existence up to the present. Models must be in the form of a nearly complete prototype or a production model rather than a crude mock-up. Use of original or reproduction Flyer parts is required as the company always tried to incorporate existing parts into new production. Use of new technology is permitted as the company did embrace advances in technology. Entrant should provide

rationale for the model to have been a logical addition to the American Flyer product line. Models based primarily on the modification of a non-Flyer product are not eligible for American Flyer Imagineering.

VI NASG-SANCTIONED CONTESTS WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS:

A Master Craftsman Class:

- 1 Open Category:
 - a Steam Locomotives
 - b Diesel & Electric Locomotives
 - c Passenger Cars
 - d Trolley & Interurban Cars
 - e Freight & MoW Equipment
 - f Structures
 - g Dioramas
 - h American Flyer Imagineering

B Craftsman Class

- 1 Hi-Rail
 - a Steam Locomotives
 - b Diesel & Electric Locomotives
 - c Passengers Cars
 - d Freight & MoW Equipment
- 2 Kit & Converted:
 - a Steam Locomotives
 - b Diesel & Electric Locomotives
 - c Passengers Cars
 - d Trolley and Interurban Cars
 - e Freight & MoW Equipment
 - f Structures
- 3 Scratch Built
 - a Steam Locomotives
 - b Diesel & Electric Locomotives
 - c Passengers Cars
 - d Trolley & Interurban Cars
 - e Freight & MoW Equipment
 - f Structures
 - g Dioramas
- 4 American Flyer Imagineering

C Amateur Class

- 1 Hi-Rail
 - a Steam Locomotives
 - b Diesel & Electric Locomotives
 - c Passenger Cars
 - d Freight & MoW Equipment
- 2 Kit & Converted:
 - a Steam Locomotives
 - b Diesel & Electric Locomotives
 - c Passenger Cars
 - d Trolley and Interurban Cars
 - e Freight & MoW Equipment
 - f Structures

- 3 Scratch Built:
 - a Steam Locomotives
 - b Diesel & Electric Locomotives
 - c Passenger Cars
 - d Trolley & Interurban Cars
 - e Freight & MoW Equipment
 - f Structures
 - g Dioramas
- 4 American Flyer Imagineering
- D Junior Class:
 - 1 Open Category: All
 - 2 American Flyer Imagineering
- E Unclassified:
 - 1 NASG Modules: Open to all classes without distinction.
 - 2 Model Photos:
 - a Color Prints
 - b Black & White Prints

Note 1: An NASG module is defined as a module that meets NASG S-10 module standards.

Note 2: Photo Event Rules:

- a. Exposure of the original negative or slide must have been made by the entrant personally.
- b. Photos must depict a scene of which 50 percent or more has been created in 1/64th scale.
- c. Each print must be at least 5" x 7" and no larger than 8" x 10" and must be mounted on an 11" x 14" rigid mount for ease in display.

Event Notes

Events may be combined or split prior to the contest with the approval of the CCC and announcement by the sponsors and made known to the contestants when they enter.

Events may be combined after entry registration is closed if only one entry is made in one or each of the events involved. Combinations must be made within the same class and follow a logical progression. While combining is allowed, it is not NASG policy to recommend it. If the judges feel that each of the combined models is deserving of a First-Place in its intended event, then the combination should not be made.

Each of the Amateur and Junior Class final events must have a First-Place awarded and if two or more models are entered in the event, a Second-Place must also be awarded. Unless the sponsors require a First-Place award in each event, the judges may withhold the First-Place award in any event in the Craftsman and Master Craftsman classes if, in the opinion of the judges, none of the models entered is of sufficient caliber to rate a First-Place in that event. In such a situation, a Second-Place must be awarded.

"Diorama" is defined as a group of models and/or scenery combined to give a unified scenic effect. A single structure may be mounted on a scenic base with or without track and rolling equipment and entered in the appropriate "Structures" event. It will be judged solely on its merits as a structure while scenery and track are ignored by the judges (except that the design and use of the structure may be more fully understood). A model may not be entered simultaneously in Structures and Diorama events.

VII JUDGING (Judges must follow the judging instructions, contained in a separate document.):

A Judges:

- 1 The contest sponsor will select judges.
- 2 There shall be a minimum of three contest judges.
- 3 If more than three judges are involved, all models in an event are to be judged by the same three judges. However, some other combination of three may judge another event simultaneously to speed the judging process.
- 4 The sponsor is responsible for determining that each judge is an experienced model builder, familiar with railroads, model railroading, and these NASG Contest Rules.

B Restrictions on Judges:

- 1 Judges generally may not have any entries in the contest. Exceptions may be granted only by the decision of the CCC and only in such cases where an event is not judged by a person having an entry in that event.
- 2 Judges may not accept gratuities from any individual in any connection with the contest or the convention with which it is a part. However, they may (or may not) receive compensation for their time from the contest sponsoring organization.
- 3 Violations of these restrictions will result in the individuals involved being barred from participating in all future NASG-sanctioned model contests or until such time as the CCC may determine.

C Autonomy

- 1 During judging, only sponsoring committeemen, NASG contest officials, and legitimate press photographers may be allowed to interact in the contest judging area.
- 2 The CCC may, at his/her discretion, allow convention attendees to observe the judging process.
- 3 Such observers shall be strictly warned not to talk to anyone for any reason, and to remain out of the line of sight of every judge.

VIII AWARDS:

A Each event shall have First Place and Second Place awards. However, if, in the judges' collective opinion, no model in an event merits a first place, first place need not be awarded.

B The sponsor may also provide for Third Place or Honorable Mention at the judges' discretion.

C The sponsor may provide a "Best-In-Show Award" for each class, overall, or some combination of classes, although it is not required. Determination of which models deserve such an award shall be at the judges' discretion.

D In each event, the points awarded on the model contest entry form shall be used to determine contest ranking results.

E "Best in Show," if awarded, must be given to the model garnering the most points. If there is a point tie for Best in Show, the judges shall choose one from among the tied entries. If the judges cannot accept the result according to the model's score, they, *ipso facto*, have mis-scored entries in the model's class/category. As such, they must go back and re-judge/re-score the relevant entries.

F Some form of permanent prize must be given for winning models. This may be in any conventional form such as ribbons, plaques, certificates, cups, etc. Whether to also award a monetary or other material prize to certain or all winners is left to the discretion of the contest sponsor. N A S G does not recognize any need for such additional compensation.

IX MISCELLANEOUS (for the Sponsoring Committee overall):

- A Contest registration at conventions must be of adequate duration and scheduling for all conventioners to have an opportunity to enter. The starting and cut-off times must be announced in advance (in pre-convention information) and made available in convention programs.
- B The use of NASG Model Contest Entry Forms is required and sample quantities are available from the CCC. Distribution quantities are the responsibility of the contest sponsor.
- C The sponsor must have at least one copy of these rules at the contest registration desk. A copy shall also be available in the judging area.
- D The NASG provides only samples of contest rules, contest definitions and contest entry forms. Distribution quantities are the responsibility of the contest sponsor. The contest rules shall be mailed out with pre-registration information and also provided at the contest registration or convention check-in.
- E Any or all of the awards may be announced in any order at an appropriate ceremony and/or, they all may be displayed next to the winning entries.
- F Adequate time shall be provided, after the awards are made known, for the conventioners to view the award-winning (and other) entries. This shall be a minimum of one hour.
- G The NASG Contest Committee requires a record of all entries and prizes won.
- 1 This ensures that the contestants are staying within correct classes and to provide an update on the classification listing to the next sponsor, as well as to maintain contest records.
 - 2 The completed Entry Form "Part A's", showing the number of points and award won (if any), shall be used for this.
 - 3 The obtaining of this record is part of the sponsoring committee's responsibility in obtaining an official NASG sanction.
- H The CCC shall have the full right and responsibility for the final decision of interpreting and applying these procedures to any situation as may arise. This includes the authority to:
- 1 Add to, delete, suspend or modify such procedures, on either a temporary or **permanent basis**, as may be determined by the CCC to be in the best interests of the NASG.
- I From time to time the CCC shall designate (in writing) a representative whose task shall be to carry out some or all of the responsibilities required of the CCC in these procedures. Such representatives shall act with the full authority of the CCC within the areas specified in the written designation.

Questions concerning these rules should be submitted to the NASG Contest Committee
Chairman: contest@nasg.org.