

## **PAXCON Judging Rules**

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. 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 vice touching the model.
  - d. Have a designated person in your judging group that will move the models.
4. **No iPhone/Cell phone lights, flashlights, or lighted torches are permitted.**
5. **Place all lanyards, model credentials, or name tags that are not securely fastened on your shirt/jacket/sweater etc., in your pocket while judging.**
6. **Be mindful if wearing a hat, ball cap, beret, helmet, face mask, etc.**
7. **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 Ok.
8. **Judging shall begin immediately following the judges meeting.**
  - a. Be mindful that there will be people watching as you judge. Be courteous and respectful.
9. **Contest entries will close at 1200.**
10. **Category Head Judges or Team Leads will pick up the judging forms from the Model Entry Form Coordinator.**
11. **Category Head Judges are responsible for running their category judging how they see fit.**
12. **Judging Guidance:**
  - a. These are NOT participation awards. It either meets the standards of a G/S/B, or it doesn't.
  - 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 Orange Sticky Note with appropriate feedback checked.
    - i. Feel free to write more feedback on the back of the model entry form if you choose.
  - d. All Junior Category entries shall receive an award.
  - e. A Gold award should be tough to earn.
13. **Once judging is complete:**
  - a. Team Leads ensure a check mark or an X is placed in the "Model Judged" section in the upper right hand corner of the Model Entry Form.
    - i. For every model, on the back of the entry form, just above the modeler's name, write G, S, B, or NA (No Award).
  - 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 spelling of the person's full name.
  - c. For Silver and Bronze awards, the award will be placed next to the model.
    - i. Do not immediately place the Silver or Bronze award; wait until 3:00 pm to begin placing awards.
    - ii. Placement of the awards will be completed by the teams that judged that category.

- 14. Category Head Judges and their team leads will select the Best Of's for their category.**
- 15. Special awards will be selected by either the award sponsor or specified individual nominated by the Category Head Judge or Contest Head Judge.**
- 16. As a group, the Category Head Judges, Contest Head Judge, and Contest Chairman will select the Best of Show award.**
- 17. Judging shall be complete by 3:00pm so Category Head Judges and Teams plan accordingly.**
- 18. All Gold, Best Of's, Special, People's Choice, and Best of Show awards will be announced during the Awards Presentation.**
- 19. If there are any questions or concerns at all, please consult your Category Head Judge or PAXCON Head Judge.**