

Scale Model Challenge

Competition Rules

Registration:

- SMC is a two day event and so is its contest. You can only participate when you leave your figure in the contest on both days
- Models are not permitted to be taken from the contest tables until Sunday after closing of the award ceremony! Exceptions to this rule can only be made by the Chief of Contest.
- There is no limit to the number of entries per contestant.
- Entries for the Junior category are free and unlimited. The Junior category is for modellers of 14 years or younger.
- Registration fee is € 4 per model. You pay for a maximum 5 models. It is allowed to enter more models in the competition, but you only have to pay for 5 models maximum.
- Pre-registration is only possible via the online registration form. In case of pre-registration you pay only € 2 per model. Again, it is allowed to enter more models in the competition, but you only have to pay for 5 models maximum.
- Online pre-registrations are possible until 10th October 2021, 22:00 hrs. (CET)
- **Registration on the first day of the event, 16th October, 2021 is also possible and closes at 13:00 hrs!**
- Payment for all entries is only possible in cash and on 16th October 2021 at the competition administration desk.

The contest:

- The contest is split up into a scale modelling contest and a figure painting contest, each with their own Best of Show Awards.
- You are not obliged to enter in both contest at the same level. You are allowed to enter , for example, in the Scale Modelling Contest at Masters level and in the Figure Painting contest at Standard level.
- In order to motivate novice modellers and painters to enter competitions we have incorporated a separate class in both the Scale Modelling and in the Figure Painting contests. These classes are specifically meant for those who make their first steps in the hobby and/or in competitions.
- The most popular classes have been divided in two levels: standard and masters. Standard is for those with a more advanced level, and the Master classes are for those who have accomplished considerable results in various competitions. Where there is no separate beginners classes, beginners will be merged with the advanced in the Standard class. In the remaining categories there is no level-based subdivision and **all levels** are merged into one class.
- Please read the **judging criteria** to ensure that your models are entered in the correct classes.

Special considerations

- **MV Scratch/Converted (class 24):** Non-military subjects are also allowed, models in any scale, any materials are allowed. Models can be entered painted or unpainted (Naked Kit).
- **In the MV classes** we consider the following subjects as a **Military Vehicle**: tanks, anti-tank vehicles, half-tracks, trucks and other means of transport, artillery, motorcycles, bicycles and all other rolling equipment used by the world's armies.
- **The classes 22 & 23, Dioramas & Vignettes** are also open to non-military subjects, including SciFi and Fantasy. Aircraft, ships etc. are also considered as vehicles. The main criteria to determine whether something is a diorama or a vignette is the presence of a narrative (story). **Always read the judging criteria for more information.**
- All entries larger than 60x60cms are obliged to be registered in advance, before 10th October 2021, either through the online registration form or via email to contest@smccontest.nl

Judging:

- At SMC we use the so called "Open "system" for all classes. This means that your entries are not judged against entries from other participant, but on their own merits and the SMC judging criteria.
- All your entries in a class will be judged as a "display", which means that you can win one medal per class in which you have entered. Per class, you are required to group your entries together on the competition table. Your entries will be judged as follows: the jury team first selects your best entry from the display. This entry will determine if you are entitled to a medal and to which colour medal. The number of entries in your display is unlimited, and your display may also consist out of only 1 figure.
- Multiple highly commended, bronze, silver and gold medals can be awarded per class.
- It is possible to enter into several different classes, but on a similar level. Exception to this rule is when you enter in the figure contest at standard level, it is possible to enter as a master in the scale modelling contest. Other exceptions depend on any level-based subdivisions the different classes.
- if you have won a gold medal in your class at our previous contests, you are obliged to enter your models into a higher class. Example: have you won a gold medal in AFV beginners class, you are obliged to enter into the Standard level now.
- The jury reserves the right to move a registered model to a different category and/or class if they have well-founded reasons for this and in case the participant is not deprived from a medal once moved up.
- The organization reserves the right to withdraw entries from the contest if they consider these to be offensive in any way.
- Models entered in the contest are not allowed to carry the builder's name.
- Photos illustrating the construction or serving as a reference for the model may accompany the model on the contest tables. This is even recommended in classes 9-10-12-13 and certainly in class 24.
- The jury is assembled from independent modellers and painters who do not participate in the contest themselves and who are invited by the organization. The decision of the jury is final and binding. Correspondence over the results is not possible,
- In both the scale modelling and the figure painting contest, the judging teams are under supervision of an independent Head Judge who are invited by the organisation and who guarantee a neutral judging.
- Models are judged by the criteria that are also published on this website. You are invited to use the criteria to determine which class is the best suitable for your model(s).
- In case of discussion or doubt, decisions are made by the Head Judges, and subsequently the Chief of Contest at all times. Appeal is not possible.

Other rules:

- If you do not wish your model to be taken from the competition tables for photography you can mark your model by adding a special note to your model. These notes can be obtained at the registration desk. Handling of your model by the jury is however necessary for judging and not subject to discussion.
- By entering and participating in the competition you automatically agree with the above rules.
- Participating is at your own risk. The organization cannot be held responsible for damages caused to your models or property. We do however make every effort to minimize the risks.
- The models should consist mainly out of plastic or resin, but the following exceptions apply to this rule:
 1. Figures category, classes 2 to 13: Figures may be made of other materials.
 2. Figures and vehicles Scratch/Converted, classes 9-10-12-13 and 24: Models in these classes can be of any scale, and made of any material. Entries can be painted or unpainted, **depending on the specific class rules.**