

Hope It Don't Snow Show – Judging Format

The goal of the **Hope It Don't Snow Show** is to offer a venue where modelers can display their work in a relaxed, congenial atmosphere and socially interact with one another. To that end, the show utilizes what is referred to as an “open” judging system. The “open” system of judging minimizes competition between entrants, fosters recognition of efforts of individual modelers and promotes growth of the hobby. Each entrant's work is evaluated on its own merit without reference to or comparison with other entrants. There is no set limit of gold, silver or bronze awards given in any model category.

The following is an example of how the “open” judging system operates. Assume a modeler has entered four aircraft (category 1), two automotive (category 3) and one figure (category 5). That modeler would be eligible for three individual awards: one in category 1 (aircraft), one in category 3 (automotive) and one in category 5 (figure). A team of three judges would apply “open” judging in two phases. In phase one, the judges would select what they believe is the best of the four entered aircraft and the better of two entered ships. Since this same modeler, in this example, entered only one figure (category 5), that one figure is, by default, the entry evaluated for a figure category award. In phase two, the selected aircraft, ship and default figure would then be separately evaluated on the basis of five criteria (construction, painting, finishing, degree of difficulty and overall appearance) and given individual overall scores. Depending upon the final scores, a gold, silver or bronze award would be given individually to the aircraft, the ship and figure. The modeler would thus be awarded recognition (for example, possibly gold in aircraft category 1, silver in ship category 3 and gold in figure category 5) in the three entered categories. The level of award in any category does not impact the level of award in another category. **The important thing to note is that only one entry in any category, after being selected as reflecting a modeler's best effort, is evaluated as the basis for an award in that respective category.** The modeler entered in three categories and received a one award for each of the three categories entered.

The only situation where there is direct competition is for “Best...” awards. “Best...” awards are sponsored by a member of the Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers Club or a commercial sponsor. The individual sponsor of a particular “Best...” award is solely responsible for selecting a winner and is done at the discretion of the sponsor, outside of and independent of the show's “open” judging format.

The People's Choice Award is based upon the popular vote of those exhibiting or attending the show.