

# 2023 GREAT LAKES CHALLENGE REGISTRATION FORM

(One form per contestant. Download this form, complete it on your computer, print it, and bring it to the contest)



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IPMS Chapter (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_ **IPMS #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about our contest?**

West MI IPMS Facebook Page	Hobby Shop Flyer	Aviation Academy	Internet
Flyer at another Model Contest	IPMS Nat'l Chapter Website	Friend / Word of Mouth	Magazine Ad
			Other _____

**Registration Fees:**

Adult Contest Fees (includes 5 models):	\$15.00
Juniors age 15 and under (unlimited models):	\$ 8.00
Additional Adult model entries:	x \$ 1.00 each

To be completed by Contest Officials

**Payment Method:**

Cash

CC

Check

**Make Checks payable to: IPMS/W MICHIGAN**


**Discounts: (multiple discounts may apply)**

IPMS Member -\$1.00	WMAA Student or Alumni -\$1.00	<b>Total Discounts:</b>
		<b>Total:</b>

**Judging:** NO Experience is necessary to be a Contest Judge. Beginners will always be paired with experienced Judges. Judging procedures will be reviewed in detail at the Judges Meeting. Lunch will be provided to Contest Judges. Judges will not be permitted to judge in their own categories.

I am willing to volunteer my time to judge models  I have judged before  I have never judged before

To be completed by Contest Officials **Registration #** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Models** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Contest Rules**

- The Great Lakes Challenge is open to all modelers.
- Models not eligible for this completion are those that have:
  - Placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in prior years' (pre-2023) IPMS Regional or National competitions, or
  - Received 'Best of' Awards in prior years' (pre-2023) AMPS Regional or National competitions.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be presented in each category.
  - No sweeps. A single entrant will only receive a single award for their best placement in any given category.
  - Awards will not be mailed. Winners must be present at the awards ceremony or have a representative there to receive their award.
- The entrant shall determine the classification of each of their entries. In the event of questions to placement, the Head Judge and contest officials will be consulted for final determination. The placement determined by the Head Judge and contest officials is final.
- There will be no Category Splits.
- Prebuilt / prefinished commercially available models will not be accepted unless they have been significantly modified and refinished. Documentation of such must be provided to demonstrate changes.
- All entries will be judged on skill of construction and overall finish. A great amount of added detail will NOT make up for a poorly constructed model. Mention of scratch-built detail will be favored over commercially available detail if quality is comparable.
- Diorama**
  - The number of subjects (vehicles or figures) will determine in which category an entry is placed. A composition with two or more vehicles and/or more than 5 figures must be entered in the Diorama category. A single vehicle with 5 or less full feature figures must be entered in the Vignette category.
  - Each component of the diorama or vignette, vehicle and /or figures, will be judged based on the Class guidelines for the vehicle class and for the figures. In addition, presentation and continuity of background equipment, structures, and groundwork will be judged for modeling basics, and given equal weight.
  - A Diorama has the additional requirement that the composition must directly present a story to the observer and demonstrate actual or pending action. The presentation, the degree that some action (storyline) is implied, and continuity of overall entry has equal weight to model construction basics.
  - Single models displayed on a base that do not meet the Vignette or Diorama criteria, no matter how much background detail is provided, will be moved to the Class appropriate to the main subject of the entry. Only the main subject will be judged based on the class guidelines. All other details on the base will be ignored.
  - The definition of "vehicle" in diorama class is any non-figure which includes, but not limited to, aircraft, animals, armor, automobiles, buildings, space craft, ships, etc.

- Youth / Junior entries**
  - Models of entrants aged 12 and under will be placed in the Youth categories.
  - Models of entrants aged 13 – 17 will be placed in the Junior categories.
- Best Model of a Great Lakes Subject.** Includes any model with ties to any state touching the Great Lakes including Ontario, Canada. Must have an explanation on the Model Entry Form as to why the entry is a Great Lakes Subject.
- The Eugene "Spud" Ensing Award** for Excellence in Aircraft Modeling. Any model of an aircraft worked on by Spud Ensing. **U.S. Navy Aircraft:** FG-1, FH-1, FM-2, F6F-5, F8F-1, F9F-6, PB4Y-2, PB5-5, R4D, SB2C-4, SNB-3, SNJ-5/6, TBM-3. **U.S. Air Force:** C-130B, B-47E, F-86F, F-100/F-100F, T-33. **Civilian Aircraft:** Beech 18, Beech 50, Beech King Air, Beech Queen Air, Cessna 120, Cessna 140, Cessna 210, Cessna 310, Cessna 410, Cessna Citation Fairchild 24, Falcon 1, J-3, J-5, Lake Seaplane, Lear 23, Lear 24, Lear 25, Lear 35, Lear 55, Luscombe 80, PT-23, Pipers J3 thru Navajos, Seabee, Stearman, Stinson 105. **Miscellaneous:** FW-190A. Award will be judged by members of IPMS/West Michigan.
- Best Model by a Student of the West Michigan Aviation Academy.** This award is open to any current or past students of the West Michigan Aviation Academy Student
- Best Model by a Female Modeler**
- Best Documented Replica.** This award is for a model built as a precise replica of a real-world subject. The modeler must also display documentation to authenticate the actual subject. Documentation can include photographs, video, manufacture brochures, book, and magazine articles.
- Basic Building \***
  - Subjects must be built using only parts provided in the kit. Markings are at the discretion of the modeler. No parts may be replaced or added.
  - Finish must be UNPAINTED, except for the use of clear coats to protect decals.
  - Samples of the kit sprue must be provided to attest that the colors of the model pieces match the manufactures original colors.
  - Kit instructions must be provided to attest to the parts provided.
  - Parts can be improved. Seams, flash, and parting lines may be filed and sanded, gun barrels may be opened, trailing edges thinned, etc.
- Out of Box Merit Award \***
  - Subjects must be built using only parts provided in the kit. Finish and markings are at the discretion of the modeler, but no parts can be replaced or added.
  - Kit instructions must be provided to attest to the parts provided.
  - Parts can be improved. Seams, flash, and parting lines may be filed and sanded, gun barrels may be opened, trailing edges thinned, etc.
- ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL**
- IPMS/West Michigan and the West Michigan Aviation Academy, its members, agents, or officers assume no liability or responsibility in case of accidents involving attendees, equipment, merchandise, models, displays, or for property, lost, stolen, or damaged.