



Convention Contest Rules

Past Contests:

Advancements in both model and photographic technology have made it necessary to review and revise these Convention Contest Rules. Please review carefully as they may affect how your model or photo is entered. Good luck to all.

New Rules Intent:

- Put “modeling” back into the model contest.
- Level the field by judging on modeling ability and/or effort.
- Promote fair competition.
- Promote participation.
- Encourage sharing of research, ideas and techniques.

1) Contest:

- a) Each annual convention of the UPHS will hold a popular-vote model and photo contest as part of the convention program.

2) Entries:

- a) All registered attendees of the convention are eligible to enter as many entries as they want.
- b) All contest entries must have a historical connection to the Union Pacific Railroad.
- c) Entries pertaining to merged, purchased, or controlled railroads must relate to the period of UP control.
- d) Previous UPHS First Place winning entries are disqualified but can be placed in a display area.
- e) Any entries not meeting contest criteria can be placed in display area.

3) Model Contest Rules:

- a) Lighting, mirrors, track section or other props to help show off workmanship, detail etc. are acceptable and encouraged.
- b) Photos and/or other prototype materials to show fidelity to prototype are accepted and encouraged.
- c) Description of modeling efforts, in process photos, notes and/or list of parts used is accepted and encouraged.
- d) Total area allowed for entire contest entry is to be no larger than 24”wide x 15”deep.
 - i) Exceptions are acceptable provided they use an equal area.
 - ii) Exceptions for oversize and larger scale items will be made on a case by case basis as long as adequate entry table space is available.
- e) Fantasy or “What if” entries are accepted provided all other criteria are met and a non-prototype explanation or rationalization is provided.
- f) All work done on a model entry must be done by the entering contestant.

4) Model Contest Categories:

- a) Scratch Built:
 - i) The structure of the model, regardless of type, must be of basic building materials such as plastic, wood, metal or castable material such as resin or plaster. Cast parts must be made from masters made by the contestant. Commercially available details such as windows, grab irons, etc. are acceptable.
- b) Kit Bashed:
 - i) The basic structure of the model, regardless of type, can be made from parts of one or more kits but assembled to produce a model different from any of the kits. Commercially available details such as windows, grab irons, etc. are acceptable.
- c) From Kit:
 - i) The model, regardless of type, is to be made from a kit. Commercially available details such as windows, grab irons, etc. are acceptable.
- d) Pre-Assembled:
 - i) Pre-assembled models, regardless of type, must include at least 4 of the following entrant applied items.
 - (1) Paint

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- (2) Decals
 - (3) Details
 - (4) Lighting
 - (5) Electronics
 - (6) Modifications
 - (7) Weathering
- e) Diorama:
- i) A diorama is to be the combination of any 4 or more of the following item types assembled to produce a scene. Rules for the "Pre-Assembled" category apply to all pre-assembled components.
 - (1) Building Structure
 - (2) Railroad or Right of Way Structure
 - (3) Track
 - (4) Rolling Stock of any type
 - (5) Vehicle and/or Figures
 - (6) Scenery

5) Photo Contest Rules:

- a) All photos must be taken by entering contestant.
- b) All digital work done to photos must be done by entering contestant and be noted on entry form.
- c) The only identification and description of the entry will be that provided on the contest entry form.
- d) Maximum size of entry to be 20 x 20 inches including any matting and framing.
- e) Elaborate framing for photographs is discouraged.
- f) A limit of two photos is allowed per category per contestant.

6) Photo Contest Categories:

- a) Color Photo
- b) Black and White Photo
- c) Model Photo
- d) Color UP Historical Equipment Collection
- e) B&W UP Historical Equipment Collection

7) Other Categories:

- a) Best in Show
- b) Optional Chairman's Category*
 - i) *The Convention Chairman has the option of establishing in advance a specific category that reflects the theme of the convention.

8) Voting:

- a) A secret ballot cast by convention attendees will determine the winner of each category.
- b) Each registered attendee will be able to cast one vote in each category.
- c) Entries are eligible to be voted on in the category entered, and Best in Show, and Chairman's Category*.
- d) It is left to the discretion of the voters to determine the criteria they will use to cast their ballots.
- e) Awards will be granted for First, Second and Third Place in each category except Best in Show and Chairman's Category* which will be First Place only.
- f) In the event of a tie outcome and it is not practical to make duplicate awards due to the unique nature of the award, the tie will be broken by the toss of a single coin witnessed by at least two people who do not have a stake in the outcome. The loser of the toss will be awarded the next lower award if applicable.

9) Dispute Resolution:

- a) The Contest Chairman will decide all disputes arising from the administration of these rules.
- b) An appeal of the outcome may be made to the Convention Chairman. The outcome of this appeal will be final.

10) Rules administration:

- a) These rules will be administered according to the following general intent
 - i) It is hoped that models and photographs will be entered that will illustrate the history of the Union Pacific Railroad in all its richness and depth.