

ALMERÍA 2009 RULES:

Almería 2009 is designed as a competition with quality assurance, and as an showroom for the work produced by those modellers wishing to display their models publicly.

Exhibition:

Participants may present works for the sole purpose of exhibition: the works must abide by the thematic and size limitations governing the competition.

Competition:

Two sections are established having regard for the age of the participants.

Junior Competition.

Participants aged up to 16 inclusive. A single category is established comprising all of the works presented, without distinction of themes. Prizes comprising a Trophy and a Model will be awarded and Honourable Mentions will also be made for runners-up.

Senior Competition.

Participants aged 17 and over.

This competition is an all-comers event with the following categories and classes depending on the theme:

A / Aviation.

Scale representation of civilian or military flying machines, regardless of their types, providing that they have a real "reference" original.

Class A1: Models made from commercial kits (injection), at scales equal to or greater than 1/48.

Class A2: Transformed models based on commercial kits, vacuum-formed models and resin models.

Class A3: Home-made models (Scratch).

Class A4: Models made from commercial kits (injection), at scales less than 1/48.

B / Marine.

Scale representation of sea-borne or water-borne vessels of any type or material, providing that they have a real "reference" original.

Class B1: Models made from commercial kits, in plastic.

Class B2: Transformed models based on commercial kits, in wood.

Class B3: Home-made models (scratch).

C / Civilian Vehicles.

Scale representation of any civilian land vehicle, with a real original.

Class C1: Cars: four-wheel vehicles and small tonnage: cars, vans..., at scales greater than 1/43.

Class C2: Cars: four-wheel vehicles and small tonnage: cars, vans..., at scales equal to or less than 1/43.

Class C3: Medium and heavy material: machinery for farming and public works.

Class C4: Motorcycles, sidecars, bicycles...

E / Scenarios.

Class E1: Vignettes.

Scale representation of a scene of small dimensions, with a freely-chosen theme and a maximum of five figures and one vehicle.

Class E2: Dioramas.

Scale representation of a scene with a freely-chosen theme and a maximum size of 1 m².

F / Figures.

Scale representation of historical figures.

Class F1: Commercial standing figures measuring less than 65 mm.

Class F2: Commercial standing figures measuring more than 65 mm.

Class F3: Commercial mounted figures.

Class F4: Transformed standing figures.

Class F5: Transformed mounted figures.

Class F6: Commercial busts at any scale.

Class F7: Transformed busts at any scale.

Class F8: Flat figures.

Class F9: Vignettes with figures (without vehicles and up to a maximum of four figures).

Class F10: Dioramas with figures (without vehicles)

M / Military Vehicles.

Scale representation of vehicles, heavy weapons and machinery used by armies, basically land-based or amphibious, with a real original.

- Class M1:** Models made from commercial kits (injection), at scales equal to or greater than 1/35.
- Class M2:** Transformed models based on commercial kits, vacuum-formed models and resin models.
- Class M3:** Home-made models (Scratch).
- Class M4:** Models made from commercial kits (injection), scale 1/48.
- Class M5:** Models made from commercial kits (injection), at scales equal to or less than 1/72.

X / Science-fiction and Fantasy.

Scale representation of machines and figures without a real original.

- Class X1:** Machines, craft, etc...
- Class X2:** Figures measuring less than 120 mm.
- Class X3:** Figures measuring more than 120 mm.
- Class X4:** Scenarios (vignettes and dioramas)

Certification:

The panel of judges or jurors will award marks for the different aspects determining the quality of the models and will establish three quality levels: Gold, Silver and Bronze. Items within a class which reach a level's minimum score will receive the corresponding award. Similarly, those works in which, without attaining any of the certificate levels indicated above, the panel of judges wishes to reward effort, originality or any other parameter at the judges' discretion, will receive a High Commended.

Within each class as many Gold, Silver and Bronze awards and High Commendeds will be awarded as there are modellers who have succeeded in attaining the required minimum scores with their works.

Similarly, if in any class the scores obtained by the models fail to attain the minimum score set by the panel of judges, the corresponding award will not be awarded.

Each modeller may only be a candidate for one award per class.

From all the works awarded the prize of a gold award within their respective categories, the panel of judges will apply objective criteria to determine which of the items stands out above the rest and deserves the Special Prize for the best work in the category.

The Special Prize will not be awarded if no Gold award has been earned in any of the classes in the category.

A Special "Association Trophy" Prize is established for the work more voted for the members of the Static Modelling Cultural Association of Almería.

It's compulsory, to display the works properly placed in a pedestal or stand, to guarantee its suitable manipulation during the contest.

Anexes:

Members of the organizing council of ALMERÍA 2009 are excluded from the competition.

In Categories A (Aviation) and M (Military vehicles) the presence of figures will be allowed on board the vehicles and aircraft, providing that these form part of the crew. They will not be taken into account for the valuation of the item.

Commercial models are deemed to be those basically coming from commercial kits in plastic (injection moulding) and enhancements to improve quality or correct defects are allowed with complementary items in photo-etched, resin, metal, acetate, etc.

Transformed models are deemed to be those basically coming originally from commercial kits in plastic but which, regardless of the improvements and modifications included in Appendix 4, have undergone substantial modifications in order to obtain a version that is different from the original kit. The alterations must have been made by the modeller personally and may not come from the addition of commercial kits, including commercial kits in vacuum-formed plastic, resin, metal, etc.

Home-made or scratch models are deemed to be those in which the basic elements comprising the model have been produced by the modeller from sundry materials. The use of elements from commercial kits is allowed as the origin of less important secondary parts (wheels, propellers, chains, landing gear...).

In Category M / Military Vehicles, the presentation of the vehicle in a terrain as a backdrop and to understand the setting in which the vehicle itself is located will be allowed; if this decoration comprises elements, such as constructions, or considerable remnants thereof, or more than one figure which is not a member of the crew, etc., then the work should be entered into Category E / Scenarios.

Whatever the class in which modellers compete, they must specify in writing the make and model of the kit, basic parts and/or complementary items used. In addition, it is recommended that they indicate their personal contributions and, if possible, bibliographical references to assist the panel of judges.

The determining factor for the scoring of the items submitted will be their fidelity in terms of shape, details and paintwork with respect to the real original for the scale reproduction.

The Organizers shall have the power to include any item in a class other than that for which it was presented.

The Organizers may disqualify and withdraw from the exhibition any item considered offensive or contrary to good taste.

If they consider it appropriate, the Organizers may decide to withhold the prize for certain categories, classes or awards. Furthermore, they have the power to disqualify those models that do not comply with the requirements indicated. The decisions of the panel of judges shall be final and irrevocable.

Models may be delivered from 17:00 to 21:00 hours on Friday October 30th, and from 10:00 to 13:30 hours, on Saturday December 31th, to the Patio de Luces of the Most Excellent County Council of Almería, located at Navarro Rodrigo Street, 17 in Almería. An entry fee of 3,00euros (€3,00) per item is established, whether for display only or for competition.

The entry will be Free. The opening hours for the general public to visit the exhibition will be as follows:

Saturday October 31th: from 10:00 h. to 13:30 h. and from 17:00 h. to 20:30 h.

Sunday November 1th: from 10:00 a.m. to 13:00 p.m.

The Ceremony Awards will be place the Sunday 1th, at 13:00 h.

Models must be uplifted on Sunday 1th, INMEDIATLY AFTER THE AWARDS CEREMONY by presenting the numbered ticket provided when the model was delivered as justification of ownership (Steemed Hour at 14:00 h.).

The organizers decline all liability for possible damage to the works while on display; however, efforts will be made to ensure their safekeeping and protection.

The organizers will decline all liability for the custody of those works not uplifted after the time indicated for collection.

By the mere fact of participating in the competition, competitors accept and agree to abide by the present rules without reserve.

The organizers reserve the right to photograph and/or record images of the models on video or by any similar means for publication, use or diffusion by any means of communication.