

**NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION TRAIN SHOW
MODULE CONTEST RULES, ENTRY FORMS AND
OPERATING PROCEDURES**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Module Contest allows groups and individuals who have operating modules at the NMRA national convention and particularly at the National Train Show to participate in an NMRA contest. All entrants must be members of the NMRA. The Module Contest is separate from the Model Contest and has its own set of rules and awards. It also has its own awards ceremony held at the Train Show to make it convenient for those exhibiting modules to attend. You may reproduce forms included in this packet in order to enter the contest; no penalty accrues for the use of duplicated forms. Feel free to make as many copies as are needed. You may obtain additional information by writing to Debbie Draper, NMRA Train Show Modular Layout Registrar, 10837 N. 34th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85028-3310, e-mail: NATLTRAINSHOW@aol.com; or Ray Bilodeau, Jr., NMRA National Contest Chairman, 9 Roosevelt Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19804-3044, e-mail: contest@hq.nmra.org.

Setup for modules in the NMRA Train Show will begin on Wednesday afternoon, July 5, 2006 at the Pennsylvania Convention center after you have picked up your Train Show credential materials in the Train Show Registration Office which opens at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, July 5, 2006. Dean Dickerhoof, Modular Layout Display Floor Manager will be on the convention floor and will coordinate your modular move in and setup activity. If you wish to enter the Module Contest fill out the enclosed forms: NMRA Contest Entry Form and Judges' Score Sheet for NMRA Module Contest. Assemble both forms placing the NMRA Contest Entry Form on top and attach the forms to the front of the module or modules you wish to enter. NOTE: These forms MUST be attached to the front of your module by no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursday, July 6, 2006 to ensure that your module is judged.

A representative of the Module Contest Committee will begin picking up the entry and judging forms on Thursday afternoon, July 6, 2006. He will replace your forms with a bright colored "receipt" indicating he has picked up your forms. We request you leave this bright colored "receipt" in front of your module so our judges may more easily find your module. If a representative of the Module Contest Committee has NOT picked up your forms by Thursday evening please notify the Train Show Office before 8:00 am Friday, July 7, 2006. If your module is setup in a different location from the Trains Show, please locate Ray Bilodeau, Jr. or Dean Dickerhoof prior to Thursday evening. You may leave a message for Ray Bilodeau, Jr. in the convention model contest room, or for Dean Dickerhoof at the registration desk of the Train Show. If you are attending as a registered convention attendee, you can also drop off your Module Entry forms at the Convention Model Contest Room any time before 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, 2006.

JUDGING

The judging begins on Friday, July 7, 2006 at approximately 8:30 am. It is not necessary for you to be present, just be sure you have filled out the appropriate forms and display them on the front of the module by 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 6, 2006 as instructed above. Points are awarded according to the categories listed on the Judges' Score Sheet. Where possible, judges' provide written constructive comments. Please read the NMRA Modular Contest Rules and Judging Guidelines to determine the proper category for your module(s) and to understand a description of the factors involved in the judging. If you need or want help, please ask Dean Dickerhoof or Ray Bilodeau, Jr. Be sure to check the *Individual* or *Group* box on the enclosed entry form. At the end of judging the forms are returned to the entrants.

AWARDS

First, second and third place winners in both the Individual Module Category and Group Module Category will receive a plaque. Any module that scores at least 87 _ points and does not place in the contest will receive an Honorable Mention certificate.

In addition to the first, second, third and honorable mention prizes in each category, individual and group entrants can win four other awards:

1. International Hobby Corp Pizzazz Award: This award is given to the entry that has the greatest eye appeal. The award is a plaque given to the entry selected by a representative of the sponsor, IHC.
2. Design Preservations Models Award: The award is a plaque given to the entry that contains at least 40% of the company's products in its scenery. A representative of the sponsor, DPM, selects the winner.
3. Module Contest Chairman's Award: The Module Contest Chair selects the winner and awards a plaque.
4. Best of Show Award: The award is given to the entry that scores the highest number of points regardless of category. The entry becomes Best of Show while all other entries in that category move up one place.

AWARDS CEREMONY

The Module Contest conducts its own Awards Ceremony separate from the other contests. The ceremony is held on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. at an appropriate location at the Train Show, most likely on the main floor in a prominent location (to be announced). Winners are announced and plaques are given to the recipients at the ceremony.