

HOBBIES, MODELS & COLLECTIONS

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HOW TO ENTER:

May 22 - July 10, 2024, www.venturacountyfair.org

We will only be accepting online entries. If you require assistance to complete online entries, please call the fair office at 805-648-33476 and we will assist you with computer entries.

Except for Collections, Group Entries, Genealogy, and other Classes/Divisions with special entry requirements. See **each** Class/Division for entry instructions. Call the Superintendent for other special requirements per Divisions as stated below.

(Online pre-entry closes at 11:59 pm on July 10, 2024).

EXHIBIT DROP OFF DATES:

Friday, July 19, Saturday, July 20, and Sunday, July 21, 2024

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

We will only be accepting online entries. If you require assistance to complete online entries, please call the fair office at 805-648-3376 and we will assist you with computer entries.

Entry: Late entries will not be received. Entry fees are nonrefundable. NO EXCEPTIONS

COLLECTIONS

You **MUST** reserve a case for Collections (Division 467) by calling (805) 889-1209 – May 22 – July 10, 2024, between 9 am and 7 pm.

NOTE: Case reservations fill up fast (usually on the first day), call early. A wait list will be established. Leave your name, call back number and the type of collection. The Superintendent will call to confirm the reservation. **No confirmation, no case.** Case Collections **cannot** be entered online.

All State and local rules apply. [2024 State Rules for California Fairs](#)

PICK-UP DAY:

Monday, August 12, 2024 - 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Exhibits must remain in place for the duration of the Fair. All items not claimed become the property of the Ventura County Fair and will be discarded. **Vouchers** will be issued for Premium winnings of less than \$20 and are redeemed on Monday, August 12, 2024, between 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM at the Fair Administration Office Ticket Window. **Vouchers and checks expire on October 25, 2024, and will not be redeemed after this date.**

Pick-Up of Entries: Any exhibit not picked up by August 12, 2024, at 6 PM will be disposed of by the Fair. All checks will be distributed at the time of exhibits pick up. Checks not picked up will NOT BE MAILED. Checks that are not claimed by the exhibitor will be deemed a donation and will be returned to the department. Items must be collected on the stated day. The Ventura County Fair is not liable for exhibits and will not be responsible for items left. Items will not be stored.

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. *Legos, Tinker Toys, Lincoln Logs and Magnets are entered in the Youth Expo Department. Online Entry must be completed between May 22nd- July 10th. Exhibit drop off will be July 19-21, 2024 – 10:00 am-5:00 pm.*
2. Competition is limited to residents of the Tri-County Area of Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles.
3. Adult Exhibitors shall be 18 years of age or older.
A Junior Exhibitor shall be designated in the following age group at the time of entry:
 - I. 6, 7, 8, 9 years
 - II. 10, 11, 12, 13 years
 - III. 14, 15, 16, 17 years
4. **Hobbies & Models:** Limit two (2) entries per Class. **Collections:** One (1) entry per Class.
More than 10 total entries must have Superintendent's approval.
5. Entries will be accepted in Classes for "All Other" only when the item represents a substantial difference from entries for which separate classes are offered.
6. No article will be entered in more than one Class.
7. No entry that has won a First Place in a prior Fair may be entered for competition.
8. **All entries in competition must be constructed or assembled by the individual under whose name they are entered and must have been completed within the last 3 years prior to the opening day of Fair.**
9. Non-Competitive displays may be entered in any Division or Class as space allows and so noted in description in pre-entry.
10. A card or label should be used to explain special details, research, history, etc. of the model or collection. Exhibitor's name shall not be placed anywhere on display or card.
11. Two or more entries must compete against each other for designated premiums. If there is only one entry in a Class, a point system, as indicated will be used to award the premium.
12. All School Project Dioramas must be entered in the Youth Expo Building along with California Missions.
13. Working Train Layouts must have prior approval of Fair Management, for size of layout call (805) 889-1209.

POINT SYSTEM

1st Place	Blue Ribbon	86 – 100 points	2nd Place	Red Ribbon	71 – 85 points
3rd Place	White Ribbon	55 – 70 points	4th Place	Pink Ribbon	below 55 points

ADULT DIVISIONS

Premiums Offered per Class

1st	2nd	3rd
\$11	\$10	\$9

SPECIAL AWARDS

All Special Awards are selected by Judges. Awards will be given as follows:

Plaque to Best Model
Plaque to Best Diorama/Structure
Plaque to Best Collection

RULES FOR MODELS

1. "Out of Box" requires that the Kit decals be used, and no additional aftermarket parts added. Instructions must accompany Model.
2. All Models in Competition must be constructed by the Exhibitor.
3. No Die Cast Models, or Pre-Finished Models allowed in Adult Competition.
4. All Models must have been constructed by the Exhibitor within the last 3 years prior to the opening date of Fair.

DIVISION 450 – PROPELLER AIRCRAFT

Class

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|---|---|
| 1. 1/72 nd – 1/49 th , Single Engine | 4. 1/48 th – 1/33 rd , Multiple Engines |
| 2. 1/72 nd – 1/49 th , Multiple Engines | 5. 1/32 nd and larger |
| 3. 1/48 th – 1/33 rd , Single Engine | |

DIVISION 451 – JET AIRCRAFT

Class

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| 1. 1/72 nd – 1/49 th | 4. Helicopter |
| 2. 1/48 th – 1/33 rd | 5. Civilian Fixed Wing |
| 3. 1/32 nd & larger | |

DIVISION 452 – SPACECRAFT

Static Models, All Scales

Class

1. Existing (based on an actual spacecraft)
2. Science Fiction and Fantasy

DIVISION 453 – AUTOMOBILES

Static Models, All Scales

Class

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| 1. Factory Stock | 7. Low Rider, American |
| 2. Custom | 8. Low Rider, Foreign |
| 3. Competition | 9. Street Rods, 1948 and older |
| 4. Trucks, Light Commercial | 10. Street Machines, 1049 and newer |
| 5. Trucks, Big Rigs/Construction Equipment | 11. Curbside/Slammer |
| 6. Motorcycles | 12. Out of Box |

DIVISION 454 – MILITARY VEHICLES/ARMOR

Static Models, All Scales

Class

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| 1. Closed Top | 3. Soft Skins |
| 2. Open Top | 4. Conversions |

DIVISION 455 – RAILROAD

Static Models, All Scales

Class

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| 1. Locomotive, with or without tender, Steam | 4. Freight Cars |
| 2. Locomotive, Diesel | 5. All Other |
| 3. Passenger Cars | |

DIVISION 456 – SHIPS, PLASTIC

Static Models, All Scales

Class

1. Ships and Boats, all types

DIVISION 457 – SHIPS, WOOD AND/OR MIXED MATERIALS

Static Models, All Scales

Class

1. Ships and Boats, all types

DIVISION 458 – WORKING MODELS

All Scales

Powered by hand, electricity, steam, gas, rubber bands, springs, or any other means

Class

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| 1. Military Aircraft, Powered, RC type | 6. Slot Cars, All Scales |
| 2. Civilian Aircraft, Powered, RC type | 7. On/Off Road Car, etc. |
| 3. Helicopters, Powered, RC type | 8. Off Road Cars, Powered or RC type |
| 4. Glider, RC type | 9. Civilian Boats, Powered, Sail or RC type |
| 5. Glider/Sailplane, Free Flight | 10. All Other |

DIVISION 459 – FIGURINES

All Scales

Excludes Dolls, Puppets and Mannequins

All figurines must be made by the Exhibitor

Class

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| 1. Dismounted | 5. Gundam |
| 2. Mounted | 6. Matrix |
| 3. Fantasy | 7. All Other |
| 4. Super Hero/Comic | |

DIVISION 460 – DIORAMAS

All Scales

A Diorama must depict a scene in three dimensions and contain within the scene figures (i.e. man, animal, science fiction character).

Note: Dioramas can be no larger than 24" wide by 18" deep by 12" high unless previous arrangements have been made with the Superintendent, phone (805) 889-1209.

Class

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Fantasy/Science Fiction | 4. Scenic |
| 2. Military | 5. Sports |
| 3. One Room | 6. Dioramas, all others |

DIVISION 461 – ORIGINAL MODELS, WOOD

Class

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| 1. Balsa Wood Construction | 3. All Other |
| 2. Historical | |

DIVISION 462 – STRUCTURES

No LEGOS

Structures larger than 20" long by 12" deep by 15" high must be approved in advance by the Superintendent at (805) 889-1209, or space may not be available.

Class

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| 1. Handmade Dollhouse, Unfurnished | 5. Dollhouse, One Room (<i>vignette</i>) |
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| 2. Dollhouse Kit, Unfurnished | 6. Miniature Buildings, Kit |
| 3. Handmade Dollhouse, Furnished | 7. Miniature Buildings, Scratch Built |
| 4. Dollhouse Kit, Furnished | 8. All Other |

DIVISION 463 – MISCELLANEOUS MODELS

Class

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|---|-------------------|
| 1. Kit on Natural/Scenic base | 4. Original Piece |
| 2. Scratch Built on Natural/Scenic base | 5. All Other |
| 3. Fair Theme | |

DIVISION 464 – GROUP ENTRIES

Prior arrangements must be made with the Superintendent, please call (805) 889-1209.

Class

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Dioramas | 3. Structures |
| 2. Original Piece | 4. All Other |

DIVISION 465 – GENEALOGY

Charts should be no larger than 24" x 36." Charts must have no less than 4 Generations. **To reserve a case for Class 5, call the Superintendent at (805) 889-1209. Reservations will only be accepted May 22- July 10, 2024, between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM only. Please leave your name and contact number for confirmation of reservation. No confirmation, no case. NOTE: Case reservations fill up fast (usually on the first day), call early. A wait list will be established.**

Class

1. Family Pedigree Chart, any type
2. Family Heirloom, 75 years or older
3. Family Portrait/Photograph, 75 years or older
4. Historical Photograph or Document, 75 years or older
5. Family Heirloom Collection, over 75 years (must consist of no less than 5 items and should include a variety of the above classes)
6. Family History Story (1 facing page, font size 14 or 16, no more than 250 words. **NO** surnames may show in story).
7. All Other

COLLECTIONS

RULES FOR COLLECTIONS

1. A Collection must consist of no less than 10 and no more than 35 items, unless otherwise specified or by special permission of the Superintendent.
2. **Fair cases are limited.** Only one case per person may be reserved. Limit one entry per Class. **Cases cannot be entered online. NOTE: Reservations will NOT be accepted before May 22 or after July 10, 2024. To reserve a case, call the Superintendent at (805) 889-1209 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM only. Please leave your name and call back number for confirmation. No confirmation, no case. NOTE: Case reservations fill up fast (usually on the first day), call early. A wait list will be established.**
3. **Reserved cases must be claimed by 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 20, 2024.** Reserved cases that have not been claimed by 2:00 PM on Saturday will be given away on a first come, first served basis beginning Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. The waiting list will be contacted Saturday evening.
4. Nothing can be used that would hurt the cases (e.g., Staples, Nails, Tacks). Please ask if in doubt.
5. Exhibitor must include a label with the following information:

- a. Date Collection was started.
 - b. Description of Collection.
 - c. Name your favorite item.
 - d. Individual items may be labeled.
 - e. Exhibitor's name must not appear on label.
6. Special criteria will be used for Coins in Division 467 and Stamps in Division 470.
 7. Items mounted on wood, cardboard or plastic can NOT exceed 24" wide x 12" deep
 8. A Collection consists of items that have been purchased or received as a gift. Items made by the Exhibitor are NOT considered Collectibles in this Department.

DIVISION 466 – CASE MODEL COLLECTION (cases)

Class

1. Any Collection representing a single type and/or era, i.e., one type of car (*Corvette, Mustang, etc.*) or plane (F-4, P-38, etc.). Sequential years are not necessary, but each model should represent a different year, model, mark, number, etc. (made by Exhibitor)
2. Any Collection of Models representing all cars, airplanes, boats, trains, etc. (*made by Exhibitor*)

DIVISION 467 – CASE COLLECTIONS (Cases)

(No less than 10 or more than 35 items in a Collection, without Superintendent's approval)

Class

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| 1. Animals | 22. Holiday (<i>no Christmas Ornaments</i>) |
| 2. Buttons and/or Pins | 23. Household Items |
| 3. Cars/Emergency Vehicles | 24. Matchbox and/or Hot Wheels |
| 4. Cartoon Characters (<i>no Disney</i>) | 25. Military, Pre-1900 |
| 5. Ceramics, China &/or Porcelain (no collector plates) | 26. Military, 1901-Present |
| 6. Christmas Ornaments | 27. Miniatures |
| 7. Coins | 28. Nature Items |
| 8. Collector Plates | 29. Patches |
| 9. Comic Related | 30. Pewter |
| 10. Disney Items | 31. Recreational |
| 11. Dolls, Barbie | 32. School Items |
| 12. Dolls, Ceramic, China, Porcelain | 33. Science Fiction |
| 13. Dolls, All Other | 34. Silver Items (<i>no jewelry</i>) |
| 14. Entertainment | 35. Spiritual |
| 15. Fair Theme | 36. Sport Items |
| 16. Famous People | 37. Toys/Games |
| 17. Fantasy | 38. Trading Cards |
| 18. Glass or Crystal | 39. Travel/Souvenirs |
| 19. Handcrafted Collection, any material | 40. Vintage |
| 20. Historical, Documents/Photos | 41. Vocational |
| 21. Historical, All Other | 42. All Other |

DIVISION 468 – CASE SHELF COLLECTIONS

(No less than 5 or more than 10 items in a Collection, without the Superintendent's approval)

Class

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| 1. Animals | 22. Historical, All Other |
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| 2. Buttons and/or Pins | 23. Holiday (<i>no Christmas ornaments</i>) |
| 3. Cars/Emergency Vehicles | 24. Household Items |
| 4. Cartoon Characters (no Disney) | 25. Matchbox and/or Hot Wheels |
| 5. Ceramics | 26. Military, Pre-1900 |
| 6. China and/or Porcelain (<i>no collector plates</i>) | 27. Military, 1901-Present |
| 7. Christmas Ornaments | 28. Miniatures |
| 8. Coins | 29. Nature Items |
| 9. Collector Plates | 30. Patches |
| 10. Comic Related | 31. Pewter |
| 11. Disney Items | 32. Recreational |
| 12. Dolls, Barbie | 33. School Items |
| 13. Dolls, Ceramic, China, Porcelain | 34. Science Fiction |
| 14. Dolls, All Other | 35. Silver Items (<i>no jewelry</i>) |
| 15. Entertainment | 36. Sport Items |
| 16. Fair Theme | 37. Toys/Games |
| 17. Famous People | 38. Trading Cards |
| 18. Fantasy | 39. Travel/Souvenirs |
| 19. Glass or Crystal | 40. Vintage |
| 20. Handcrafted Collection, any material | 41. Vocational |
| 21. Historical, Documents/Photos | 42. All Other |

DIVISION 469 – SINGLE ITEM COLLECTIBLE

Single Item - A matching pair is considered a Single Item

Class

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Animal | 11. Holiday |
| 2. Car/Emergency Vehicle | 12. Military, Pre-1900 |
| 3. Cartoon Character | 13. Military, 1901-Present |
| 4. Ceramic, China, Porcelain | 14. Pewter |
| 5. Christmas Ornament | 15. Science Fiction/Fantasy |
| 6. Collector Plate | 16. Silver (no jewelry) |
| 7. Doll | 17. Sport |
| 8. Glass/Crystal | 18. Travel/Souvenirs |
| 9. Historical, Documents/Photos | 19. Vintage |
| 10. Historical, All Other | 20. All Other |

DIVISION 470 – STAMPS

Rules for Stamps

All exhibits should have a Title. Collections shown in albums, stock books and similar methods can show on two (2) pages. Judges will be able to look at all pages. Available Frames must be reserved by calling (805) 889-1209 starting May 22 – July 10, 2024. Stamp exhibits may be on pages for use in the frames, which hold eight (8) 8.5 x 11 inch pages; or in albums, binders, stock books or stock pages, which will be placed in a case or display cabinet. Exhibitors who want to have a display case must reserve the case in advance by calling (805) 889-1209. Class 3 – Material that mixes Stamps and Covers with Models, Magazines, Newspaper Articles, etc., Case Collections must be at least 50% Philatelic Material to fit in Division 470.

Class

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| 1. Stamp Album(s) | 3. Stamp Case |
| 2. Stamp Frame(s) | 4. Single Item, Covers |

DIVISION 471 – DEVELOPMENTALLY CHALLENGED

Class

- 1. Model, Kit
- 2. Model, Original Design
- 3. Collection
- 4. All Other

YOUTH DIVISIONS

DEPARTMENT RULES IN ADULT DIVISIONS ALSO APPLY TO YOUTH

- 1. A Junior Exhibitor shall be designated in the following age group at the time of entry:
 - I. 6, 7, 8, 9 years
 - II. 10, 11, 12, 13 years
 - III. 14, 15, 16, 17 years
- 2. Parent/Child Classes are for Models built by a child with assistance from parents.
- 3. *Legos and K'nex are entered in the Youth Expo Department – July 21-23, 2023 – 10 am-5 pm.*
- 4. **NOTE: Youth are required to participate in set-up of their entered exhibit.**

AWARDS

All awards are selected by the highest score Ribbons awarded for 1st through 4th place
 Best of Show Plaque, each age group in Models
 Best of Show Plaque, each age group in Collections

STATIC MODELS

DIVISION 472 – YOUTH I

DIVISION 473 – YOUTH II

DIVISION 474 – YOUTH III

Unpowered –Plastic or Metal – All Scales

All figures must be made by the Exhibitor. Base not to exceed: 14” wide x 14” deep x 12” high

Class

- 1. Aircraft
- 2. Cars
- 3. Cars, Low Riders
- 4. Military Vehicles
- 5. Trucks
- 6. Railroad Car and/or Engine
- 7. Space/Science Fiction
- 8. Ships
- 9. RMX/Ertl Factory Finish
- 10. Figures, all types
- 11. All Other, Static
- 12. All Other, Working

WOOD MODELS

DIVISION 475 – YOUTH I

DIVISION 476 – YOUTH II

DIVISION 477 – YOUTH III

Class

- 1. Airplanes
- 2. Animal
- 3. Bird House
- 4. Boats
- 5. Car/Truck
- 6. Pinewood Derby, Aircraft
- 7. Pinewood Derby, Automobile
- 8. Pinewood Derby, Boat
- 9. Parent/Child
- 10. Space
- 11. Train
- 12. All Other

STRUCTURES

DIVISION 478 – YOUTH I

DIVISION 479 – YOUTH II

DIVISION 480 – YOUTH III

No Legos

Structures larger than 20" long x 20" deep x 20" high must be approved in advance by the Superintendent, Diane Cook at (805) 889-1209, or space may not be available.

Class

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| 1. Doll House | 4. Parent/Child |
| 2. Miniature Building | 5. Railroad Building |
| 3. Any Structure on a Natural/Scenic base | 6. All Other |

COLLECTIONS

DIVISION 481 – CASE COLLECTIONS YOUTH I

DIVISION 482 – CASE COLLECTIONS YOUTH II

DIVISION 483 – CASE COLLECTIONS YOUTH III

1. Youth Exhibitor **is required** to participate in set-up of Collection, including those in Youth I group.
2. Items not in an individual case and mounted on a board cannot exceed 18" wide by 14" deep.
3. A Collection must consist of no less than 10 or more than 35 items, except by special permission of the Superintendent.
4. Fair cases are limited. Only one case per person may be reserved. Limit one entry per Exhibitor. **Cases cannot be entered online. NOTE: Reservations will NOT be accepted before May 22 or after July 10, 2024. To reserve a case, call the Superintendent at (805) 889-1209 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM only. Please leave your name and call back number for confirmation. No confirmation, no case. NOTE: Case reservations fill up fast (usually on the first day), call early. A wait list will be established.**
3. **Reserved cases must be claimed by 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 20, 2024.** Reserved cases that have not been claimed by 4:00 PM on Saturday will be given away on a first come, first served basis beginning Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Waiting List will be contacted Saturday evening.
4. Exhibitor must include a label with the following information:
 - a. Date Collection was started.
 - b. Description of Collection.
 - c. Name your favorite item.
 - d. Individual items should be labeled.
 - e. Exhibitor's name must not appear on label.
5. **Limit:** two (2) entries. One (1) entry per Class.
6. Items mounted on wood, cardboard or plastic can NOT exceed 24" wide x 12" deep.
7. A Collection consists of items that have been purchased or received as a gift. Items made by the Exhibitor are NOT considered Collectibles in this Department.

Class

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| 1. Animals | 15. Key Chains |
| 2. Baseball Cards | 16. Matchbox and/or Hot Wheels |
| 3. Boxes and/or Containers | 17. Military |
| 4. Buttons and/or Pins | 18. Miniatures |
| 5. Cars/Emergency Vehicles | 19. Nature Items |
| 6. Cartoon Characters (no Disney) | 20. Pencils |
| 7. Coins | 21. Science Fiction/Fantasy |
| 8. Dinosaurs | 22. Shells, any size |
| 9. Disney Items | 23. Sport Items |
| 10. Dolls, Barbie | 24. Stamps |
| 11. Dolls, All Other | 25. Toys |
| 12. Fair Theme | 26. Trading Cards |
| 13. Glass/Crystal | 27. Travel/Souvenirs |
| 14. Holiday | 28. All Other |

MISCELLANEOUS
DIVISION 484 – CASE MISC YOUTH I
DIVISION 485 – CASE MISC YOUTH II
DIVISION 486 – CASE MISC YOUTH III
 Any Item not covered in any other Division

Class

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Original Creation 2. Kit 3. Science Display | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Operating Model 5. All Other |
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DIVISION 487 – CASE DEVELOPMENTALLY CHALLENGED YOUTH

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collections 2. Kit | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Original Creation 4. All Other |
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Judging Criteria for Models

Workmanship-Models are judged on the quality of cementing, fitting & shaping of parts (24%); Painting (24%);
 Decals (24%); Detail (24%); Labeling (4%)
 Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Collections

Appearance/Neatness (30%); Identification & Labeling (25%); Originality (creativity)-the original way collection is displayed (20%);
 Unity of Collection-How items relate to one another (25%)
 Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Stamps - Adults

Appearance/Neatness (10%); Identification and Labeling (10%); Theme/Unity of Collection (55%);
 Presentation (10%); Condition of Material (10%); Difficulty of Material (5%)
 Total 100%

Judging Criteria for Stamps - Youth

Appearance/Neatness (30%); Identification and Labeling (25%); Originality/Creativity (20%); Theme/Unity of Collection (20%); Difficulty
 of Material (5%)
 Total 100%