

## **ATTENTION ALL IPMS/USA NATIONAL MEMBERS**

Please find on the ballot a survey of the membership to ascertain the preference of judging systems at the National Model Contest. **THIS IS ONLY A SURVEY TO SUPPLY INFORMATION TO THE E-BOARD, NOT A PROPOSAL.** There is currently **NO** effort to change the way IPMS/USA judges this contest. To inform and promote discussion by the membership, descriptions of both the “Gold, Silver, Bronze (Also known as the Open Judging System)” and the “1,2,3” systems are included. The survey questions and systems’ descriptions were composed by a group of volunteer members with oversight from Ron Bell, the President of IPMS/USA, with participation from Mark Persichetti, Head Judge for IPMS/USA and the National Contest Committee.

### **DESCRIPTIONS OF THE JUDGING SYSTEMS**

#### **123 JUDGING**

*Definition:*

Judging teams assess each entry in a category and award a First, Second and Third Place based on the degree to which each best meets the craftsmanship standards set forth in the IPMS/USA Competition Handbook.

*Advantages:*

- (1) Since entries are judged only by comparison to each other, only three awards will be given to the top entries in a category.
- (2) Under this system, models vie “head to head” for awards, creating a healthy spirit of competitiveness amongst our members.
- (3) While not normal practice, this system does allow for the placement of constructive comments on the entry form by the judges.
- (4) Judges’ training, the selection of “Best-ofs”, special, and theme awards, the collating of results, and the announcement of awards at the Banquet will be done as it is now.

#### **OPEN JUDGING (GSB)**

*Definition:*

Judging teams assess each entry and may award a Gold, Silver, or Bronze or no medal based on the degree to which that entry meets the craftsmanship standards set forth in the IPMS/USA Competition Handbook. The judges may award more than one of each medal in a category.

*Advantages:*

- (1) All entries of sufficient merit will be recognized, eliminating the need to get down to just three entries for awards.
- (2) The level of competitiveness of our National Contest will be reduced since entrants will not be competing with each other
- (3) Judges will be able to provide constructive comments for the builder on the entry form to encourage the improvement of the modeler’s skills.
- (4) Judges training, the selection of “Best of’s”, special, theme awards, the collating of results, as well as the announcement of the awards at the Banquet will be done as it is now.