

## Mid Eastern Region, NMRA Best in Show Award

### 1) What is the award?

The Best in Show Award is an award given at each MER convention for the model that scores the highest judged score of all models entered in to the MER Contest room at the MER convention.

### 2) Sponsors:

The Best in Show Award is sponsored by the MER.

### 3) Who can compete for the award?

Any NMRA/MER member in good standing who chooses to enter an appropriate model in the official NMRA/MER sponsored judged model contest at a MER convention may compete for this award. A member can also compete for this award by bringing an appropriate model to be judged for the Achievement Program only.

### 4) Modeling Parameters --- definition and limits of what qualifies a model for the award

The only qualifications that a model has to meet for this award is demonstrating the highest score of all judged models in the contest room at the convention in any category that is recognized as a judged category by the MER contest room.

The only limitation is that the prior year's awardee is not eligible for the following year's award, i.e., the same person is not allowed to win this award 2 years in a row.

### 5) How the contest will be Judged and the winner chosen:

The model will be judged as part of the regular judging of the model contest at an MER convention. The Judging guidelines will be those established by the NMRA for the model contest and the AP Program. Any appropriate model can also qualify for this award if it is being judged only for the Achievement Program at this convention, and is not an entry in the model contest. The appropriate model achieving the highest score above all others shall be declared Best in Show. The next 3 models in scoring sequence shall then be the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place models of that category. In the event of a tie, an Ad Hoc committee of the senior judges and the Contest Chair shall make the final determination of the Best in Show model.

### 6) The Best in Show Award (operations and award):

The award will be handed out when the other special awards are distributed. This award will be presented by the MER General Contest Chairman, or someone he or she designates, can announce and hand out the award. In addition to the plaque, the award also includes registration to the next MER Convention.

### 7) Sponsors (Organization and Contact persons) and Funding:

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8) Time limit for this award:

The sponsors of this award understand that in order for it to be placed into the special awards given at a MER sponsored convention this award must be approved by the MER Board of Directors. If approved, the award can be given at every MER sponsored convention over a two-year period. In order to continue presenting this award, the sponsors must seek renewal approval from the MER BOD every two years.