

Annual Military Miniatures Competition Rules and Awards

For 2011 we have greatly simplified the structure of our annual competition. There are no more categories and classes to navigate. Just bring your entries and our judges will do all the work.

Entry Types

All the usual types of entries are still eligible:

Single figures	All scales and subjects. Kits, conversions or scratch-built.
Vignettes	1-5 figures in an intimate scene
Dioramas	Larger number of figures, vehicles in a larger scene
Military hardware	Tanks, planes, ships, artillery pieces, etc. with or without figures
Toy soldiers	Massed groups of home cast or commercial figures painted in the classic toy soldier style.
Wargame units	Smaller scale figures organized and mounted for wargaming
Collector's Displays	Figures that are not the work of the entrant. Judged on presentation and interest.

Basic Rules

1. Entries will be accepted between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm. Late entries will not be judged.
2. There is no fee for competition entry.
3. The competition is open to all. There is no limit on the number of entries.
4. An entry card must be completed for each exhibit entered and displayed with it. The entrant may choose to enter a number of figures as a group, in which case only one card need be completed. Entry cards must be returned to the committee at the end of the show.
5. Entrants are responsible for setting up their own figures within the competition area. Display materials such as cloth backdrops may be used. The Show committee reserves the right to limit the amount of space used.
6. Competing is optional. For exhibits presented for display only just check off the box on the entry card marked "Display Only, Not in Competition".
7. Entries that have previously won an award at an O.M.S.S. Annual Competition are ineligible.
8. Unless entered as a Collector's Display, entries must have been painted by the entrant. (Check off the appropriate box for a Collector's Display.)
9. Bases are recommended but not mandatory.
10. Questions concerning eligibility are the sole responsibility of the Committee. The Committee reserves the right to bar entries it feels are not suitable for public display.
11. All reasonable precautions will be taken to protect entries while on display. However the O.M.S.S. cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.

Awards

The judges will award gold, silver and bronze trophies to deserving entries. The number of awards made is flexible and at the discretion of the judges based on the quality of the work entered. Entries will be judged in the context of the standards pertinent to the type of entry (see list above) and relative to the other entries of the same type. Judging criteria include level of effort, painting skill, interest and presentation and historical accuracy.

In addition there are some overall awards:

Junior Award	For outstanding work by an entrant 16 years of age or younger.
Club's Choice	Best of Show voted by ballot by those attending the show. (Don't forget to vote!)
Wellington Cup	Best of Show as selected by the judges.