

1. This is an open to all model competition. Entries are welcome on the day, including entries from the public, exhibitors, museum staff and volunteers.
2. Entrants under 18 years old must have parental / guardian permission to enter the competition and they must be accompanied by a responsible adult throughout the day.
3. There are five competition categories to enter:
 1. Pre-war Aviation (Pre – 1939)
 2. Wartime Aviation (1939 – 1945)
 3. Post-war Aviation (1946 – Present)
 4. Military Vehicles
 5. Junior Military Models (entrants under 16yrs)
4. For each competition category, models will be judged separately according to their scale or model type in the junior category. These will be known as ‘sub-categories’. There are 13 sub-categories.
5. There are also separate awards for the ‘Best in Show’ and ‘Public Choice’ award.
6. Models in each sub-category will be judged and awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize certificates.
7. Judges will decide on an overall category winner who will receive the category trophy and prize.
8. The thirteen sub-categories are:
 1. Pre-war - 1/72 scale or smaller
 2. Pre-war - 1/48 scale
 3. Pre-war - larger than 1/48 scale
 4. WW2 - 1/72 scale or smaller
 5. WW2 - 1/48 scale
 6. WW2 - larger than 1/48 scale
 7. Post-war - 1/72 scale or smaller
 8. Post-war - 1/48 scale
 9. Post-war - larger than 1/48 scale
 10. Military Vehicles - 1/72 scale or smaller
 11. Military Vehicles - larger than 1/72 scale
 12. Junior Category - Aircraft
 13. Junior Category - Vehicles
9. Models that are incorrectly entered into categories may not be judged. Historical accuracy is considered when judging.
10. Models cannot change category once entered, except with judge’s expressed permission.
11. Any model entered into any category is automatically entered into the ‘Best in Show’ and ‘Public Choice’ award.

Competition Prizes

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Categories –	1. Pre-war Aviation (Pre – 1939)	TBC
	2. Wartime Aviation (1939 – 1945)	TBC
	3. Post-war Aviation (1945 – Present)	TBC
	4. Military Vehicles	TBC
	5. Junior Award (entrants under 16yrs)	TBC
	6. Best in Show Award.	TBC
	7. Public Choice Award.	TBC

Certificates are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in all 13 sub-categories.

Model kit prizes have been donated from show sponsors, Key Publishing Model World, York IPMS and the Yorkshire Air Museum.

Junior award winners may choose a pre-selected kit from the YAM shop and receive a cockpit tour of an aircraft of their choice (subject to availability). 'Best in Show' and 'Public Choice' winners will receive a cockpit tour of a YAM aircraft of their choice. (subject to availability)

How to Enter

12. To enter a model into the competition, a YAM competition slip must be purchased from YAM competition entry table in the Halifax Suite. Competition Slips are £2.50 each.
13. The slip must be completed in full before a model is entered into the competition. Incomplete slips may invalidate the entry from the competition.
14. Slips must include the competition entry number, category entered, name of entrant, name of model, contact details, otherwise they may be invalid.
15. There is a 'Modeller's Comments' section on the slip for the modeller to provide further information about the model or interesting information on the subject.
16. Once completed, competition slips must be placed with the model on the competition category table.
17. Categories and sub-categories will be clearly marked on the tables to aid in the placement of models.
18. Competition slips and the model must remain together on the competition table until the competition is judged. Removal of the model or slip from the table would be considered a withdrawal from the competition.
19. Last entry to the competition at 14:00hrs. No late entries will be accepted.
20. The 'Public Choice' vote will close at 14:00hrs. No further votes will be accepted after close.
21. There will be no public access to the competition area during the judging period.
22. Judging concludes at 15:30hrs, with public access to the competition area resumed and competition awards presented soon after in the Halifax Suite.
23. Models may only be removed from the competition area after award presentations have concluded.
24. Award certificates will be placed with the model following the judging period before the Halifax Suite re-opens.
25. Category winners will be announced during the awards presentation in the Halifax Suite.

Limitations and exclusions

26. Radio Controlled models are not permitted entry to this competition.
27. Civilian or Commercial aircraft and/or vehicles are not permitted entry to this competition as this is a Military Model Show at a military aviation museum.
28. No models of a scale larger than 1/24 will be permitted entry to the competition due to space restrictions.
29. Models with a base exceeding 18 inches length/width will not be permitted entry to the competition due to space restrictions.
30. Models must be available to view on all sides. Nothing may impede the judge's view.
31. Clear display cases are permitted but must not exceed 18 inches length/width/height. They must not impede the viewing of other competition entries. Judges reserve the right to ask entrants to remove display cases from the competition table.

32. A power supply cannot be requested for any model. Entrants requiring power should provide their own small battery packs.

Rules

33. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions, or reasonable requests made by the judges, may mean entries are not judged and or entries may be withdrawn.
34. Models must be the work of the entrant. Models cannot be entered on behalf of someone else.
35. YAM staff or competition judges reserve the right to remove any entry that may cause dispute or offence.
36. Once placed on the competition table, only the entrant, YAM staff or judges may move the models on the table.
37. Although every care is taken to ensure the safety of exhibits, models are placed in the competition at the owner's risk.
38. YAM and York IPMS cannot be held responsible for damage caused to any model.
39. Judges cannot judge a category that they have entered their own model in. The judges for each category and sub-category must be independent, and there be no conflict of interest.
40. Judges will receive their allocated category before competition judging begins at 2:00pm.
41. Judges must highlight and submit any of their completion entry tabs to the competition admin table prior to entering their own model to the competition. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the judging panel and disqualification from the competition.
42. The judging decision must be unanimous. If the judges cannot agree on a class winner, another independent judge will make the final decision.
43. Any entrant shall have the right to bring any infringement of the Competition Rules to the attention of the judges or YAM staff prior to the commencement of the judging.
44. YAM reserve the right to change or amend the terms and conditions of the competition up until the day of the competition, Saturday 12th September 2026.
45. YAM reserve the right to cancel or postpone the competition at any time or bring the judging time forward to end the competition early. Prizes and trophies will still be awarded.