



**NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF MODEL  
RAILWAY CLUBS INCORPORATED**

**BY-LAW NO.1: COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

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## **1. PURPOSE**

To provide an objective assessment of the work of railway modellers in New Zealand as a means of:

- Raising the standards of modelling
- Improving the realism of models
- Facilitating peer recognition of modellers' work
- Extending the frontiers of modelling possibilities

## **2. MODE OF IMPLEMENTATION**

The purpose is to be achieved by conducting competitions among railway modellers at each NZAMRC convention, with competition provided for scratchbuilt and kitset based modelling.

The judging process used should be as objective as possible. Every effort should be made to ensure that entering, judging, and viewing competition models is an especially enjoyable part of each convention.

## **3. ESTABLISHMENT.**

A standing committee is established to be known as "The NZAMRC Competition Committee".

### **3.1 Members.**

The Competition Committee is to comprise three members who serve for a period of six years each. One member is to retire every two years in rotation. Subject to clause 3.2, retiring members are eligible for re-election.

### **3.2 Qualifications.**

Persons proposed for election to the committee must be members of member or affiliate clubs. In the event of any casual vacancy occurring the position may be filled by a person co-opted and subsequently confirmed at a general meeting of the Association. A person thus co-opted and confirmed holds the position until the expiry of the term of the original officeholder. No person shall serve more than two elected terms of six years consecutively

### **3.3 Chairman.**

The Competition Committee is to elect its own chairman biennially at the AGM at the national convention.

### **3.4 Technical Assistance.**

The Competition Committee has the power to co-opt technical assistance.

## **4. DUTIES OF COMMITTEE**

The Competition Committee is to:

- 4.1** Have overall responsibility for the running of competitions at each convention and any other Association competitions.
- 4.2** Formulate and amend, subject to Executive and general meeting approval, the rules, classes, and categories applying to Association competitions.
  - 4.2.1** Introduce new classes or categories on a trial basis as the Competition Committee sees fit for the duration of one convention without formally changing this by-law.
  - 4.2.2** Ensure that any new classes or categories introduced in accordance with clause 4.2.1 are consistent with classes and categories in existence at the time. Ensure that judging of any new classes or categories is carried out according to the procedures in effect at the time for similar classes or categories.
- 4.3** Design and prepare all entry forms, score cards and other forms necessary to competitions and arrange their printing.
- 4.4** Appoint Competition Supervisors, judges and judge's assistants for competitions.
- 4.5** Maintain an up-to-date historic ledger of the results of competitions, recording the names of entrants, descriptions of entries, categories, classes, placings and awards.
- 4.6** Maintain an up-to-date historic ledger of trophies and arrange their recall, presentation, and engraving.
- 4.7** Receive submissions from member and affiliate clubs or their members on all aspects of competitions and examine them and make recommendations to the Executive and general meetings.
- 4.8.** Discuss with donors the provisions and terms for trophies and awards and make recommendations to Executive and general meetings.
- 4.9** In March each year, prepare and submit to the Association secretary, a written report for presentation to the Annual General Meeting, covering activities of the Competition Committee.

## **5. RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 5.1** The Competition Committee must keep the Executive informed of its activities with as much frequency and detail as required by the Association secretary.
- 5.2** The Competition Committee is to elect one of their number to be responsible for maintaining the historic ledgers referred to in 4.5 and 4.6 and certify in each annual report that such records are complete and up to date.

## **6. FINANCE**

- 6.1** The Competition Committee is to inform the Executive of expected financial requirements for the forthcoming year in each annual report. For specific projects involving expenditure the Competition Committee must provide the Executive with details of estimated cost from at least two suppliers. Orders may be placed only with the approval of the Executive.

**6.2** The Competition Committee is to be allocated funds by the Executive as necessary from time to time to cover expenditure on postage and stationery, which must be recorded in a petty cash book and made available to the Association's auditor when requested. The Competition Committee is to inform the Executive of expected financial requirements for the forthcoming year in each annual report

## **7. RELATIONSHIP TO CONVENTIONS**

**7.1** The Competition Committee shall supply each convention committee with details of the area and facilities desirable for the competition not less than six months in advance.

**7.2** The Competition Committee must advise the Convention Committee's competition liaison officer of the persons appointed as Competition Supervisors and judges

**7.3** Closing dates and times for entry in any competition shall be fixed by the Competition Committee at least six months in advance and advised to the Convention Committee and be published in The Coupler at least three months in advance.

**7.4** The convention committee's competition liaison officer is to be provided with a supply of entry forms and entrant guidelines adequate to meet the need for copies, both prior to, and during the convention.

**7.5** The Convention Committee is to ensure that every person, registered for the Convention, is asked whether he/she requires competition entry forms, and must ensure those competition entry forms and guidelines are supplied promptly.

**7.6** The Convention Committee's liaison officer to be responsible for security of competition room/s, with the Competition Committee during judging, and once the placing's have been declared shall have full responsibility for the security of the competition room/s.

## **8 List of Judges.**

The Competition Committee shall call upon and appoint judges from those modellers known to be attending the Convention and record their names for possible further use.

### **8.1 Appointment of Judges.**

Judges, including judges for special awards and trophies, are to be selected and appointed by the Competition Committee.

### **8.2 Competition Supervisor.**

The Competition Supervisor should preferably be a member of the Competition Committee.

### **8.3 Duties of the Competition Supervisor.**

The Competition Supervisor is to:

- (a) Interpret the Competition rules.
- (b) Determine who is permitted to enter and remain in the competition area before completion of judging.
- (c) Where necessary:
- (i) Determine the category of each entry in the competition; and

- (ii) Determine which division of the competition it is appropriate for any model to be entered into.
- (d) Be responsible for collation of results from the individual judges.
- (e) Arrange for results to be displayed in accordance with clause 8.6.

#### **8.4 Judge's Assistants.**

Judge's assistants may be appointed by the Competition Supervisor to assist the judges, but not in any deliberations.

#### **8.5 Confidentiality.**

The Competition Supervisor may only make comments at the presentation of awards.

**8.5.1** Judges and judge's assistants shall not discuss findings for the duration of the convention.

#### **8.6 Time for Completion of Judging.**

Judging must be completed and a list of placing's and awards displayed by 6pm on the Saturday of the Convention. Certificates and Trophies to be displayed adjacent to the entry by 8pm on that same day

#### **8.7 Results to Entrants.**

Entrants will have the details of their results to their entries mailed to them after the convention, but no correspondence on specific scores or placing's will be entered into.

#### **8.8 Test Equipment.**

A controller and a test track are to be provided for the purpose of judging runability. The controller should be of simple transistorised design to deliver up to 12 volts at a maximum of 1 amp. A straight test track 2.4 metres in length is to be provided for 9mm, 16.5mm and 32mm track gauges wired for 2-rail operation. Digital Command Control, to at least minimum NMRA standards, will be available if required. For any other gauges entrants must supply their own test tracks, of 2.4 metres minimum length and if necessary, or if they wish to, their own controllers.

#### **8.9 Runability pre-test.**

Provision will be made for entrants to check runability at the time of entry.

## **9. JUDGING**

### **9.1 Number of Judges.**

For each category each factor must be judged by at least two judges working independently.

### **9.2 Isolation.**

During judging, only the Competition Committee, Competition Supervisor, judges, any judges assistants, the Convention committee's liaison officer, and any other persons required by the Competition supervisor are permitted in the room where judging is taking place.

### **9.3 Competing Judges.**

Where a factor judge has an entry in a factor he/she is judging, the Competition Supervisor must appoint a separate, floating, judge to mark that factor in that category.

### **9.4 Conduct of Judging.**

Factor judges may consult with each other during judging when clarification is required on any point but must mark independently. Judges may discuss any matter with the Competition supervisor. The Competition Supervisor reserves the right to seek clarification from the entrant if deemed necessary. At the completion of judging, each judge should pass his/her results directly to the judging supervisor.

### **9.5 Results Calculation.**

There is no maximum number of judges. In order to allow for this, for each factor, the average score awarded by all the judges for that factor is to be found. The score awarded to each entry is the sum of the averages gained for each factor eligible to be judged.