



British Railway Modellers of Australia Inc Melbourne Convention – 5th October 2024 Rules for the Modelling Competition



Trophies are awarded for models brought/sent to BRMA's annual Convention, by financial members of BRMA, or a partner where family membership applies.

“Loco Builders Trophy” Awarded for the best locomotive, rail-motor or other self-propelled railway vehicle in any scale, scratch or kit built or modified RTR.

“Stanier Trophy” Awarded for the best scratch or kit built line side structure or other piece of real estate.

“Finden Trophy” Awarded for the best of either wagons or coaches. The rolling stock may be scratch built, kit or modified RTR. In the case of modified RTR, there must be a minimum of two of the same type of vehicles.

“Gresley Trophy” (For Novice Entrants) Models in any gauge, either a locomotive, rolling stock (as Finden Trophy) or lineside structure. Novice Entrants are defined as “a BRMA member or a partner where family membership applies who has not previously won a national competition”. **In the event that an entrant is awarded first place in any of the other modelling competitions at the same convention, then the entrant is deemed to be disqualified from the Gresley Trophy.**

“N Gauge Trophy” Models in N Scale 1:148 or 2mm Finescale 1:152, either a locomotive, rolling stock (as per the Finden Trophy) or lineside structure.

Entry rules for ALL Trophies

Eligible Locomotives are:

- a. Scratch built
 - b. Kit built
 - c. Super detailed RTR of the same type as the original or of a different type from the original.
- A photo of the unmodified RTR model must accompany the entry.

Eligible Rolling Stock must be either wagons or coaches:

- a. Scratch built
 - b. Kit built
 - c. Super detailed RTR of the same type as the original or of a different type from the original.
- A photo of the unmodified RTR model must accompany the entry.

Eligible Lineside structures are:

- a. Scratch built
- b. Kit built
- c. Kit bashed

General Notes

Competitions are for locomotives and rolling stock which have run on British railway metals.

As an example, a locomotive or item of rolling stock provided it has traversed rail on British soil could include:

- Historically – ‘Wartime ‘foreigners’
- Current - Non-British stock used in Channel Tunnel operations
- Likewise, scenery, buildings and railway related structures, should where applicable be British.

Where possible a photograph or drawing should accompany the entry with information on the prototype. The method of construction, materials used and whether the model was scratch built, kit built, or modified RTR must be stated. If the model is modified RTR, then a brief outline of the starting point and what was done to achieve the finished result must be included.

Please note: - models worthy of winning in a category at previous conventions were unsuccessful because no information on the prototype was provided, hence the judges, who are generally non-British modellers, had no idea how accurate the model was and consequently scored no points in the authenticity category (see entry form for detail of scoring categories used by the judges on the BRMA website). Competition entry forms are available on the BRMA website

Each Trophy must have at least two entrants (two people) for a winner to be selected. Otherwise no winner will be declared for that trophy. Models having previously won any of the National Trophies are not eligible for re-entry in any National competition.

An individual model can only be entered into one competition at a Convention.