

NMRA TLR Portable Layout/Module Contest Rules and Judging Guidelines

(Adapted from the Pacific Coast Region)

General Categories

Construction	35 points
Detail	20 points
Conformity	10 points
Electrical	10 points
Finish and Lettering	20 points
Scratchbuilding	25 points
Ingenuity	5 points

Total Maximum Points 125 points

Note: *Up to 20 points may be deducted* if your module does not meet the specifications for your type of module as determined by your layout coordinator or an officer of your group.

Motive power and rolling stock placed on the tracks on the module are not considered in the judging.

Modules may be entered in the “Individual” category if at least 90% of the work was done by an individual. If more than one person did 10% of the construction work on the module, it is to be entered in the “Group” category.

If you are interested in earning points for the NMRA Achievement Program “Scenery” category, NMRA rules call for a section of model railroad at least 60 square feet for O scale, 32 square feet for HO scale, or 24 square feet for N scale.

Judging Guidelines

Terrain. Construction; modeling; coloring; scale and proportion; selection and use of materials to create realistic natural and man-made features of terrain.

Structures. Prototypical suitability; placement; appearance in relation to the terrain and background of the display as scenic effects, *not as to construction.*

Background. Artistic handling of line and color; skillful use of paint; backdrops; dioramic structures and/or terrain in creating background; blending of features of foreground with background and horizon.

Lighting. Adequate and realistic lighting effects for signals, buildings, streets, and roads.

Realism. General overall appearance, atmosphere, and feeling of “rightness,” or “convincingness” of the total scenic effect as a natural-looking, believable, miniature representation of what might be a section of a prototype railroad and the methods employed to create distance and space.

NOTE: The following is to be completed by an officer or layout coordinator for your module group before entry. If your module conforms to your group’s specifications as to size, wiring, track placement, etc. *no points are added or subtracted.* If your module does not meet the specifications, *up to 20 points may be subtracted.*

This module conforms to all our module specifications. Except for _____

Type of Module _____ . By _____