

JAXCON GSB AWARD GUIDELINES 2022-2023

"The ADULT Standard"

GOLD- it must be for all PRACTICAL appearances (not technically) free of any basic problems. It must also show evidence of ADVANCED skills that go beyond OOTB building techniques, such as (but not limited to) open/detailed panels/equipment, significant conversion work, scratch building techniques in two or more different areas, and superb finishing skills. The finish should appear flawless in all areas AND also exhibit higher level finishing skills beyond a monochromatic finish, while also maintaining *authenticity* (NOT accuracy). It should exhibit a higher level of effort both in scope of work and degree of difficulty. There should be evidence of some "risk" taken by the builder in what they SUCCEEDED (not just attempted) in pulling off. Aftermarket items, if used, should be expertly added, exceptionally painted, and (perhaps) enhanced further. A Gold level build should have more than just "store bought" added detailing. It's a build you would nominate for a "Best Of" in its genre.

SILVER- It should be nearly flawless in appearance of the build and finish. Any problems should be *extremely minor*, not distracting (not attention grabbing), and not necessarily apparent at a first glance. It will display *excellent* (but not flawless) execution of solid, basic building and finishing techniques. A Silver winner would be considered one of *the best in its group* on any given day, and a cut above simply being competitive.

Bronze- It cannot have more than a few relatively *minor* problems, and should not have *any* major basic building or finishing flaws, especially upon casual observation. The minor flaws should not be the type that are "in your face" (easily apparent). Evidence of many numerous different kinds of flaws, even if minor, could disqualify a model from the Bronze prize. It should be a model that would "make the cut" (*be considered competitive*) under the 1-2-3 system.

A further explanation of the JAXCON GSB standard and system

The above criteria purposely has some wiggle room in it. Many of you have judged, and we're NOT going to try to make you learn it all over again! It's slightly vague in precise definition of flaws because we all have a slightly different weight that we personally assign to each type of them. Some judges give more weight to a certain flaw than others, while others tend to be more lenient. Judging teams will resolve the "weight" of any flaws through discussion and compromise (as in the old 1-2-3 system). So, if you judge (and we hope you will!), judge by the basics as you always have!

Under the JAXCON GSB STANDARD (philosophy) a builder needs to "rise to the occasion" to win a Gold. If you use the "Best Of's" under the 1-2-3 system as a guideline, I think you'll agree that almost every one of them exhibit the characteristics assigned to earning a Gold award. JAXCON GSB also has a place for the builder who chooses NOT to stretch their legs, but who displays excellent abilities in fit and finish. Those models may earn the recognition of a Silver, but they do not "rise" to the level of getting a Gold. Those who do "stretch their modeling legs" in going for the Gold, but fall just a bit short of appearing flawless, *may* deserve a Silver. Very good builders who make just a few minor mistakes, and who (in our current parlance) would "make the cut" to the final 5-7 being considered for 1-2-3 are certainly deserving of a Bronze because they have risen above the general populace.

Please note that GSB differs from 1-2-3 in that it is NOT a "flaw counting" judging system. *Judges should note the positives along with the negatives and BALANCE things to judge the overall craftsmanship displayed*, in an effort to award more deserving models in the show. But, GSB is NOT an "everyone wins" system. The awards are NOT "soccer trophies"...models judged not to meet the standards will NOT be awarded.

The Junior Standard

Junior Gold- The model should be neatly painted in its entirety. Decals should be neatly applied, but may or may not be flawless. Details should exhibit an ability to be added and painted in a sharp manner. It should exhibit no gross *basic* flaws in its construction and finish. Weathering is not required, but can be considered as an advanced technique for a Junior builder, and should appear appropriate, even if not perfect. In short, the model should display advanced craftsmanship for a Junior and possibly appear as if it *could* be entered into the Adult division.

Junior Silver- The model may have some apparent problems, but nothing that would be considered a *gross* basic flaw. The finish should show an attempt to be painted and decalled in a more advanced and neat way, though it may not be as smooth or neatly done as a more experienced modeler would achieve. Weathering, if applied, would look either out of place or out of scale (builder did not achieve the goal intended in adding weathering). In short, this model would be considered as an advanced effort that is a cut above most Junior entries, but that is NOT ready to compete with the Adults.

Junior Bronze- The model is painted and/or decalled, even if less than neat in overall appearance. It exhibits the ability for the builder to follow kit directions, and interpret and attempt to finish the model as an authentic subject (unless hypothetical finish is specifically intended). The model may have some very noticeable basic problems, but none that detract from the builder's *effort* to "get it right". In short, it should appear as if the modeler did more than slap some parts together to play with.

Junior medal (possible) disqualifiers- The model is not painted (for models that are intended for paint, and not molded in varying colors so as not needing painting). Decals are completely absent or applied in a haphazard manner. Grossly misaligned parts. Missing *major* assemblies (such as an interior or engine the kit obviously had).

Guiding Judging Principle in Junior Divisions- Judges should consider EFFORT to a much greater degree, as opposed to results, when judging the Junior divisions. The models will have problems, but did the builder show some *craftsmanship*? Does it look like the builder attempted to build a model, and not make a toy? That said, these are NOT "soccer trophies" and not all Juniors will deserve a medal, so do NOT give out a Bronze as a "participation" award (see ACE awards below).

Jaxcon A.C.E. Award

The ACE Award (Achievement of Competitive *Effort*) is now a Junior award (it has NO place in the Adult divisions). While Jaxcon believes in setting standards that make earning a medal an achievement, it also understands the need to recognize builders in the Junior divisions who are at least trying to compete. We want Juniors to know that their efforts are valued, but that we will only give medals to the models that have met the Standard established for the Junior divisions. Jaxcon also believes that those Juniors who do not get a medal, need to learn the lesson of falling short of a goal, with the accompanying disappointment; so they can also learn the satisfaction of gaining experience, trying harder, and then succeeding at meeting that Standard. In general, ALL Junior models that do not get a medal will be given the ACE award.