



golden demon 2011

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Golden Demon 2011 Rules

What *is* Golden Demon?

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For the past few years we have run three separate competitions: Golden Demon itself, the Young Bloods Competition and the Open Competition.

The Golden Demon Painting Competition

The main event is Golden Demon and there are gold, silver and bronze trophies to win in each of the eleven categories. The model judged to be the best of all the Golden Demon entries wins the coveted Slayer Sword, a uniquely forged item that only the very best possess.

The Young Bloods Competition

The Young Bloods Competition showcases the very best efforts of our younger enthusiasts up to and including the age of 14.

The Open Competition

The Open Competition is our special 'free-for-all' tournament. Anybody can enter, but beware - even the Games Workshop staff can have a go, so the standard is always extremely high!

Golden Demon veterans will be more than familiar with the format of the competition and how to enter, but each year you should check out the categories carefully as some of them do change from past competitions.

For those of you thinking of entering for the first time, you should read the Competitor's Guidelines carefully. Anyone who purchases a Games Day ticket can enter Golden Demon.

The Judges' Take

Veteran Golden Demon marshal, Alan Merrett gives us the low-down on the entry requirements for the Golden Demon championships. It's time to plan your entry and get painting.

Alan: The display tables at the Golden Demon competition have, over the years, become an awe-inspiring spectacle, an endless sea of stunning Games Workshop miniatures painted to the highest standard. Thousands of carefully painted models fill every square inch of available space, each model the result of hours of painstaking care and lavish attention. What a testament to the skill and patience of the competitors!

It is a source of great satisfaction and excitement for those of us who work for Games Workshop to see how inspiring our labours have been. We are equally inspired by the remarkable range of the entries each Games Day.

Year after year, my heart is warmed by seeing the delight, pride and excitement the winners enjoy when they are presented with their Golden Demon trophies. Of equal satisfaction is the sheer number of entries we get each year. This doesn't make our job of judging very easy but does show the huge interest in participating in the event, which is really the point of the whole thing after all!

So, good luck to all of you who enter. See you there!



Competitor's Guidelines

This year's US Golden Demon competition will take place at the North America Games Day in Chicago, Illinois on July 30th. The judges will be looking for well painted and well presented models. In addition, we will look at how well the model or models fit in with the published concept of our game backgrounds. That isn't to say that we won't reward innovation and creativity, but this must be demonstrated within the spirit of the worlds established by our games designers.

All entries must be Citadel miniatures, Forge World models or Imperial Armour vehicles. Warhammer 40,000 categories include entries for Necromunda, Epic: Armageddon and Battlefleet Gothic. Warhammer includes Mordheim, Warmaster and Blood Bowl.

Please note that Femme Militant models are not Citadel miniatures and may not be entered into Golden Demon.

THE LORD OF THE RINGS MODELS

There are four Golden Demon Categories open to all The Lord of the Rings entrants: The Lord of the Rings Single Miniature, The Lord of the Rings Group, Duel, and the Open Competition. Please note that you may not mix models or model components from our The Lord of the Rings ranges with models from our other ranges in any of the categories. Entries which mix models or model components in this way will be disqualified.

BASES

When describing what bases you may use we have used the term, "appropriately-sized gaming base" in some instances. The intention here is to allow a little flexibility whilst keeping to the spirit of the competition. So, if you want to mount your Terminator on a 40mm square base for aesthetic purposes, you can still enter it in the Warhammer 40,000 single model category. The same applies for Warhammer models mounted on round bases. However, please note the judges reserve the right to move models that are not on appropriate bases into a category they deem more fitting.

SCENIC DISPLAY BASES

Many people like to mount their models upon large scenic display bases or plinths. This is permitted providing the individual model can be removed and stand upon an appropriately sized gaming base. If the scenic base is permanently attached to the model, your entry will be disqualified. Although display bases can add to the impact of a unit, our judges do not take such bases into consideration when making their decisions. In fact, models on display bases are usually removed from the base when being judged. Please note that entries in the Diorama or Open Competition categories are not required to be affixed to gaming bases as entries in other categories are.

JUDGES DECISIONS

In all cases the judges' decisions are final. The judges are all experienced Games Workshop employees and know what they are looking for. They reserve the right to move models into a different category if it is entered inappropriately, or to disqualify a model if they feel it breaches the rules of the competition. We will not enter into any discussion about the judges' decisions.

ENTRIES

You can only enter once in each category, and all entries to Golden Demon, Young Bloods and the Open Competition must be painted Citadel models, Forge World models or conversions based thereon.

We welcome conversions based upon our Warhammer and Warhammer 40,000 game worlds in all appropriate categories, but these should be consistent with the atmosphere of the game worlds and spirit of the miniatures ranges that we produce. Furthermore, please do not use any real-world references or references to other non-Games

8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Registration

1 p.m. First Cut Judging complete

5 p.m. Judging complete, entries may be collected

TBA Awards Ceremony

Register your model at the Golden Demon area (the location will be on the map you receive at check-in), and fill out an entry form for EACH entry (ie. five entries, five entry forms). Make sure you hold on to the claim ticket we give you!

Once First Cut judging is complete at 1 p.m. you may pick up your model if it did not make First Cut.

If your model is a First Cut or final Golden Demon winner, we may want extra photos, so please be patient. Pick up for First Cut and winning models is at 5 p.m. at the earliest.

Workshop fictional worlds in your entries. At this time, due to the nature of our license, we cannot accept scratch built models based upon The Lord of the Rings intellectual property. Conversions made exclusively from our The Lord of the Rings range are acceptable. Overall, the judges will be looking for well-painted models that adhere to the imagery and ethos of the worlds represented in our fictional settings of Warhammer and Warhammer 40,000. All single miniatures must be mounted on the appropriate gaming bases. We reserve the right to refuse entry to the competition.

All entries must be personally handed in by their creator and registered at Games Day on the day. We will not accept any entries on behalf of competitors who are not in attendance at the event. All entries must be collected from the show stands at specified times by the entrant in person. These times will be published in the Games Day program and will be announced over the PA system on the day. All models should be the work of a single hobbyist. All work on models entered into the Golden Demon including but not limited to painting, modelling, converting, after-market sculpting, and basing must be performed entirely by the entrant. Neither models obtained from someone else in any state of completion nor collaborative efforts may be entered. Anyone found violating this rule will be immediately disqualified and forbidden from entering future Golden Demon painting competitions.

All competitors will be fully responsible for the transport of their own entries to and from the competition, and for storing their own transport and packing materials on the day. Please don't ask us to look after carrying cases and giant cardboard boxes. A bag check is available for your entry's transport and packing materials.

Once entries are booked in we will, of course, undertake to look after them as carefully as we can. However, we can accept no responsibility for loss or damage to individual entries. Models are entered into the competition at the competitor's own risk. Entry to any of the competitions gives Games Workshop the right to photograph and publish the details of models entered as we see fit.

Finally, remember the point of the competition is to showcase the efforts of our hobbyists and to have some fun. You may not agree with the final outcome, but please bear in mind that the judges' decisions are final and absolute.



Above: Tyranid Lictor by Todd Swanson, the 2010 US Slayer Sword winner

40K Categories

CATEGORY 1 –

Warhammer 40,000 Single Miniature

Any single human-sized Warhammer 40,000 miniature mounted on an appropriately sized gaming base. This category includes Terminators but other models supplied with 40mm and larger bases should be entered in the Warhammer 40,000 Large Monster category. Note that bike-mounted character models must be entered in the Vehicle category.

EXAMPLES

- Single characters (25mm bases)
- Terminators

CATEGORY 2 – Warhammer 40,000 Squad

This category is for Warhammer 40,000 squads or squadrons of five or more models. This is also the category for Epic 40,000 detachments and includes gangs and mobs from Necromunda. All squads must be “legal” in game terms. Judges will be looking for units that best exemplify the qualities and character of the army they represent.

This category DOES include squadrons of bike-mounted models provided they are organized into a unit of five or more models. Larger vehicle models should be entered into Category 3. All models should be mounted on an appropriately sized gaming base.

EXAMPLES

- Legal squads of 5 or more models
- Squadrons of bike-mounted models (5 or more)
- Heavy Weapons teams (minimum of 5 models still applies, ie. 3 teams or team with regiment)
- Epic 40,000 gangs
- Necromunda mobs

CATEGORY 3 – Warhammer 40,000 Vehicle

This category is open to single Warhammer 40,000 vehicles, Dreadnoughts and walker models. It also covers single bike-mounted characters if this is legal for the army in question (eg, a Space Marine Captain on a bike). Battlefleet Gothic spaceships can be entered into this category as well. Although most of these models tend not to be supplied with a base, it is quite acceptable for you to mount the vehicle on a modest base (no more than 20mm larger than the vehicle itself). Forge World’s Imperial Armour models may be entered in this category.

EXAMPLES

- Tanks
- Dreadnoughts
- SM Thunderfire Cannon
- All Titans (except Tyranid Bio Titan)
- Space Marine Captain on a bike
- Battlefleet Gothic spaceships
- Forge World’s Imperial Armour models

CATEGORY 4 –

Warhammer 40,000 Large Monster

This category is for any single, large Warhammer 40,000 model that comes supplied with a base 40mm or larger that is not a Terminator. This covers models like the Avatar, Ogryns, large Tyranids, Ork Warbosses, etc. This category also covers massive models like Tyranid Bio Titans and other Forge World’s monsters.

EXAMPLES

- Eldar Avatar
- Ogryns
- Large Tyranids (Bio Titan)
- Ork Warbosses
- Tau Battlesuits
- Tau Krootox
- Ork Shokk Attack Gun
- Tyranid Ripper Swarm
- Imperial Guard Rough Rider



Above: Brother Captain Meridius by Doug Jones, 2007 LA 40K Single Miniature Category Gold winner



Below: From Natalya Melnik’s Ragnar and Bodyguards, 2007 Baltimore 40K Squad Category Gold winner



Warhammer Categories

CATEGORY 5 –

Warhammer Single Miniature

This is open to any single fantasy miniature (Warhammer, Mordheim and Blood Bowl). This includes single models on horses, boars or wolves, but not those mounted on large monsters. All models must be presented on an appropriately sized gaming base. Generally these will be 20mm or 25mm square bases for foot figures and 25 x 50mm cavalry bases for mounted models, although appropriately sized circular bases may be used if preferred.

EXAMPLES

- Single characters (20 mm or 25mm bases)
- Mounted models (cavalry bases)
- Blood Bowl player
- Mordheim model
- Skaven Weapons Team

CATEGORY 6 – Warhammer Regiment

This is for Warhammer regiments, Mordheim warbands, Warmaster brigades and Blood Bowl teams. The entry must consist of a minimum of five models mounted on their standard gaming bases. Regiments must be legal units in game terms. The judges will be looking for units that best exemplify the qualities and character of the army they represent. In particular, we will be looking at leaders, standard bearers and musicians of Warhammer regiments.

EXAMPLES

- Legal regiments
- Mordheim warbands
- Warmaster brigades
- Blood Bowl teams

CATEGORY 7 – Warhammer Monster

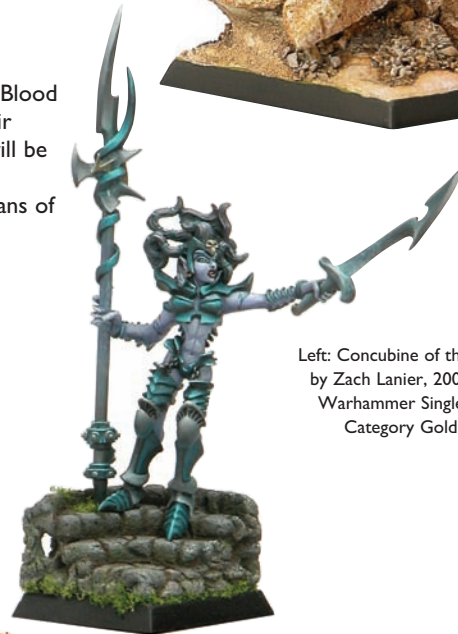
This category is open to all Warhammer monsters on 40mm to 50mm square bases, chariot bases and the really large monster models that are not normally supplied with a base or are simply too big for one! This covers Dragons, chariots, war machines and all large ridden monsters (eg. an Orc Warlord on War Wyvern). Models should be mounted on an appropriately sized gaming base. Models on large, scenic bases should be entered in the Open Category instead.

EXAMPLES

- Dragons
- Chaos Spawns
- Chariots
- War Machines
- Orc Warlord on War Wyvern



Left: Ushabti, by Jeff Lybbert, 2010 Warhammer Monster Category Gold winner



Left: Concubine of the Witch King by Zach Lanier, 2007 Baltimore Warhammer Single Miniature Category Gold winner



Below: Beastlord and Retinue by Bennett Blalock-Doane, 2007 Baltimore Warhammer Regiment Category Gold winner



LOTR Category

CATEGORY 8 –

The Lord of the Rings/War of the Ring Single Miniature

This is open to any single miniature from The Lord of the Rings range of models, of any size. This includes models that are comprised of multiple figures on a single base, but would be fielded as a single model. All models must be presented on gaming bases.

EXAMPLES

- Single models on foot
- Mounted models, including the Golden King of Harad
- Mordor Troll
- A Mûmak, Dragon or Cave Drake
- Treebeard, Mighty Ent

Right: Arwen by Natalya Melnik,
2010 Baltimore The Lord of the Rings
Single Miniature Category Gold winner



CATEGORY 9 –

The Lord of the Rings/War of the Ring Group

This is open to any group of three or more related miniatures from The Lord of the Rings range of models, presented on separate gaming bases. Judges will be looking at how the models relate to one another within the context of The Lord of The Rings background. All models must be presented on standard gaming bases, but may be presented on a scenic base for aesthetic purposes.

EXAMPLES

- The Fellowship of The Ring
- Sam, Frodo and Gollum
- A War of The Ring Formation or Company



Other Categories

CATEGORY 10 – Diorama

This category is comprised of at least two single models mounted on a base no larger than 12"x12"x12". The judges will be looking for a dynamic pairing of appropriate opponents in some kind of combat-oriented situation or other dramatic scene. Models may be from the Warhammer, Warhammer 40,000, The Lord of the Rings, Necromunda, Blood Bowl, and Mordheim ranges.

EXAMPLES

- A duel between a Space Marine and an Ork
- A dramatic scene of an Empire Village being attacked by Beastmen



Chorazin, Grand Master
of The Angels of
Vengeance by Chris
Borer, 2007 Chicago
Open Competition
Category Gold winner

CATEGORY 11 –

The Young Bloods Competition

The Young Bloods painting competition is open to any competitors aged 14 years or under. Your entry should consist of any single human-sized Citadel miniature either Warhammer, Warhammer 40,000, Mordheim, Necromunda, Blood Bowl or The Lord of the Rings, mounted on an appropriately sized gaming base. Models must be single foot figures – no mounted models, monsters or groups. This category includes Terminators but other models supplied with 40mm and larger bases should be entered in another category. The judges will be looking for well-painted and well-presented models. Paint schemes should demonstrate originality, imagination and consistency with the spirit of the game worlds.

EXAMPLES

- Single models on foot supplied with 25mm or smaller bases
- Terminators



Category 12 – The Open Competition

As always, the Open competition is your opportunity to let your imagination run wild. Your entry could be a single model, a sweeping diorama or whatever takes your fancy. However, we will not accept Artefacts (replica weapons, props, etc.) into this category. Please note that entries can be no larger than 18"x18"x18".

EXAMPLES

- Any scratch built or Games Workshop model(s) or scenery that fits within 18"x18"x18"