

2018 Harman Center Lego Tournament Official Rules

1. Date, Time, and Location: July 14th, 2018 from 10am to 2pm. Our Location: Harman Center, 101 N 65th Ave. Yakima, WA 98908. Phone: 509-575-6166. Please Pre-Register before contest to ensure there is space available. Registration is due no later than 2pm July 13th, 2018. It is possible that the contest may fill up and no new entries can be taken in. Winners will be announced at 2pm. Winners are not required to be present to win, but prizes are offered ‘by choice’ – see definitions below. So it is recommended to be at the prize ceremony. All contestants must pick up their creations by no later than 3pm, July 14th, 2018. Schedule for the event will be as follows:

9:00am – Contestants are able to bring in models and set up their table.

10:00am – Fan Favorite Judging Begins

12:00pm – Category Judging by panel of judges

2:00pm – Winners of each category will be announced.

3:00pm – All creations must be picked up by contestants.

2. Definitions:

a. LEGO - The name LEGO is used with permission to identify the building system style for the contest. LEGO® is a trademark of the LEGO Group of companies which does not sponsor, authorize, or endorse this contest.

b. Creation – a created entry into the contest comprised of LEGO or similar bricks (such as Megablocks). There are two types of Creations:

i. Set Built – A Set Built Creation is one that is commercially produced by the LEGO company or similar companies that includes instructions. These sets can be entered into the Display Only Category. A Creation is also considered Set Built if it is created from downloadable instructions on the internet. There will be only one Grand Prize Winner for Set Built Creations.

ii. Original Built – a Creation which is not based on a kit or internet instructions. The full spirit of an Original Built is that it is a creation of the mind of the Contestant. An Original Built Creation CAN BE a variation of a Set Built Creation. However, variations will lose points in the Originality and Creativity categories in proportion to how much of the set they retain. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Prize Winner for Original Built.

iii. Machine Original Built – A Machine Original Built is a creation which is not based on a kit or internet instructions. This creation would continue to follow the Original Built expectation but the creation would involve a machine or robotics. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Prize Winner for Machine Original Built.

c. Contestant – a participant of the contest which brings their Creation to the site of the contest and pre-registers.

d. Contestant Area – Only Contestants and contest staff are allowed behind the tables where the general public cannot go. Family members or helpers can enter the Contestant Area to originally bring in the Creation(s). Exceptions can be made for extenuating circumstances. To avoid congestion and improve security, it is recommended for Contestants to stay out of the Contestant Area unless absolutely necessary or it is time for judging. The Contestant Area will have only one entry and one exit way.

e. By Choice Winners. There are three prizes in the Original Built and Machine Original Built category. The prizes are similar in value but different in nature. To effectively reward the first place winner in a category, they will get to choose first which of the three prizes they want. If a first place winner is not at the award ceremony, then the second place finisher gets to choose first, and then the third place finisher gets to choose second and the first place winner gets the remaining prize.

3. Brick Styles: Creations entered into the contest may be of LEGO ® brand bricks or similar modular building toys such as Technic ® Beams, Mindstorm ®, DUPLO ®, Megablocks ®, or Tyco ® bricks. Knex, Erector Sets, Transformers, or variants thereof are not eligible for the contest.

4. Category Levels: Category levels are based on skill level expectations and not on age. However, ages are suggested to give guidance to help target where a Contestant's Creation might best fit in. The Categories are as follows:

a. Display Only – This can include Set Built Creations. Display Only Creations are available for one Grand Prize Winner.

b. Originally Built - This category is designed for contestants that come up with an unique and innovative idea for their creation. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winner.

c. Machine Originally Built - This category is designed for contestants that come up with an unique and innovative idea for their creation with machine or robotics. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winner.

d. Fan Favorite – The public will be able to vote on their favorite model out of all of the contestants. There will be only one Grand Prize Winner this category.

5. Contest Administration: Contestants and/or their grandparents will not hold responsible the Harman Center, Parks & Recreation Department, City of Yakima, or any Administrator, Sponsor, or volunteer of the contest liable for any accidents or theft during the contest.

6. Security and Contestant Conduct: Every effort will be made to prevent theft. Theft will not be tolerated and a Building Attendant and the police will be called in on any disputes or theft attempts. The public will not be allowed to touch any of the Creations. Likewise, Contestants will not be allowed to touch any Creation that is not their own. It is also for this reason that Contestants should stay out of the Contestant Area unless they need to modify or repair their own Creation or will be present for the time of judging. This will help because anyone touching a Creation will be watched and warned if they do not adhere to the no touching rule.

7. Judges Decisions: All decisions of the judges are final. If a Creation is later found to be Set Built after judging is finished, there is no recourse. All efforts to discover Set Built Creations will be made prior to final judging. Any sets found to be Set Built may, at the lead judge's sole discretion be changed to the Display Only, but the Contestant is still eligible for the Grand Prize in the Set Built category.

8. Size: Each Contestant will have a 3ft x 3ft card table to display their creation on. Creations will be placed on tables in the Ballroom of the Harman Center. The tables will be set up around the Contestant Area with the general public able to walk around the outside of the chain of tables. An information sheet will be placed on the public side between the Creation and the edge of the table. The information sheet will contain the name of the Creation, the builders and the category it is entered into.

9. Judging for Categories: Each Creation in Originally Built & Machine Originally Built category will be judged on the following criteria:

- a. Creativity
- b. Originality
- c. Aesthetic Design
- d. Cuteness
- e. Engineering/Difficulty
- f. Innovation of Parts Integration
- g. Humor

The Set Built Creations will be judged on:

- a. Aesthetic Design
- b. Cuteness
- c. Engineering/Difficulty
- d. Innovation of Parts Integration
- e. Humor

10. Assembly, Repairs, and Discussion: Contestants are not allowed to make modifications to a Creation once it has been placed on a table. Contestants will have ample time to assemble parts of their Creations, but they are not allowed to 'build' once they are placed. If a Creation needs it, repairs can be made. A judge may ask a Contestant to describe their Creation or even demonstrate features of it as part of the judging process. It is advised, but not necessary to be

nearby your Creation if you want to discuss your Creation with a judge. If a judge asks for demonstrations or descriptions, a Contestant may then handle their Creation to show the judge. Judges are instructed not to touch Creations and will not know about moving parts unless they are demonstrated.

11. MOST OF ALL --- HAVE FUN!!!

For all other questions about the tournament, please call Leslie Richards at 509-575-6166 or email her at Leslie.Richards@YAKIMAWA.gov