

Open Class Specifications



OPEN CLASS TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL

AGE	Open to all ages
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Open to all 50 states</i>
SCALE	<i>N, HO, O</i>
PURCHASE REQUIREMENT	None. The Open Class does not require purchase of a themed kit. Entrants build a scene using materials of their choice.
SCENE DIMENSIONS	<i>4'W X 2'D</i>
BACKDROPS	<u>Backdrops are not required.</u> However, a thoughtfully designed backdrop that enhances the theme and brings a scene to life could count towards the overall appeal and creativity. Should you decide to include a backdrop, there are no specifications or requirements for size or construction.
FACIA	<u>A facia is not required.</u> It is recommended that you think about how you finish the edges of your scene so as not to detract from the overall presentation.
BASE	<u>Base.</u> We are not specifying, nor recommending base requirements or construction. A simple foam insulation base is adequate as is a sheet of plywood cut to size. There is no need for elaborate bench work as this is an area that will not be judged. The entry does not require electrical work or a functioning train however the inclusion of a train element is encouraged.
TEAM OPTION	You can enter as an individual or a team. The specifications and requirements do not change. One prize will be awarded for first, second and third place and it must be divided among team members.
JUDGING CRITERIA	Entries will be judged against all scales in the OPEN class; N, HO or O. Modelers build a layout of their choice using any materials they choose to complete their entry. The judging will focus on creativity and how well the modeler interpreted the scale they chose to model.
MINOR PERMISSION	Minors (under 18) must have parent, or guardian signature and contact information. If submitting as a youth team, all participants must submit individual permission forms. See instructions in complete rules. Walthers.com/NMRBO21