Rules and Categories
Crystal Contest 2026

Third edition of the competition and exhibition in Prague
28 and 29 November 2026

These rules set out the conditions for participation, the classification of entries and the allocation of awards. The competition has three levels: JUNIOR, STANDARD and MASTER.

1 Venue and Organisation

The third edition of Crystal Contest will take place at the Library of the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Kamýcká 129, Prague-Suchdol. The exhibition will be held on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 November 2026.

- Parking is available next to the library. The Zemědělská univerzita public transport stop is a few minutes' walk from the venue.
- Backpacks and bulky bags are not permitted in the exhibition hall. Please use the lockable lockers. Model transport cases are an exception and may be stored under the tables once unpacked.
- Food and drink are not permitted in the exhibition area. Please use the designated refreshment areas. Anyone who does not follow this rule may be asked to leave the hall.
- The model exhibition, workshops and vendors will have separate areas. Their locations will be shown on the event map.

2 Registration and Admission

Online registration of competition entries is open until 24 November 2026 inclusive. Model drop-off and collection will follow the 2026 schedule published on the Crystal Contest website.

Registration or Admission Type	Adults	Children
Online Competitor Registration	EUR 15	Free
On-site Competitor Registration	EUR 30	CZK 100 / EUR 5
Visitor Admission for Both Days	CZK 100 / EUR 4	Free

The registration fee is charged per person and covers any number of entries. For competitors, it also includes admission to the afterparty with refreshments and a live band. Visitor admission is valid for both days of the exhibition, 28 and 29 November 2026. Payment can be made in cash or via PayPal.

3 General Competition Rules

- Treat all exhibited works with the same respect as you would your own.
- Do not touch other people’s models. If a model needs to be moved, please contact the organisers or a member of the event team.
- If you know that you will be unable to stay until the awards ceremony, please let us know in advance. If you win, we will try to arrange for you to receive your award.
- The organisers accept no responsibility for damage to exhibited works. Participants display their work at their own risk. Please report any damage to the organisers; supplies for minor repairs will be available on site.
- During judging, parts of the exhibition hall may be closed to the public. Please respect the marked areas and follow the instructions of the event team.

4 Categories and Awards

Each category at STANDARD and MASTER level has a total of 10 awards: 2 gold, 3 silver and 5 bronze. If fewer than 5 different artists enter a category, the organisers may merge it with another category. If the quality of the entries does not meet the judges’ standards, awards may be transferred to other categories.

If you won a gold award at STANDARD level at Crystal Contest 2025, or if you compete at MASTER level at other competitions, please enter the corresponding MASTER category. This rule does not apply to categories that have no MASTER level.

Artists do not have to attend in person. An authorised representative may deliver their models and collect any awards on their behalf.

Each work may be entered in only one category. If you are unsure which category to choose, please contact the organisers.

JUNIOR

Figures and Models

An open category for competitors aged 17 and under, regardless of the theme or type of work. There will be 3 equally ranked awards, with a small surprise for the other junior participants.

STANDARD

For the small and large figure categories, the height of the figure itself is measured, excluding the base. Small figures are up to 54 mm tall; large figures are over 54 mm.

Small Historical Figure — up to 54 mm

A single historical figure no more than 54 mm tall, excluding the base.

Small Fantasy and Sci-Fi Figure — up to 54 mm

A single fantasy or sci-fi figure no more than 54 mm tall, excluding the base.

Large Historical Figure — over 54 mm

A single historical figure over 54 mm tall. Historical busts and mounted figures also belong in this category.

Large Fantasy and Sci-Fi Figure — over 54 mm

A single fantasy or sci-fi figure over 54 mm tall. Fantasy and sci-fi busts and mounted figures also belong in this category.

Unit

A group of at least 3 figures sharing a common theme.

Dioramas

Dioramas and vignettes of any size or theme. Entries must include at least 2 figures placed in a setting that together form a scene or tell a story. A work entered in this category cannot also be entered in Ambiente.

Sci-Fi and Fantasy Vehicles and Equipment

Vehicles and equipment from sci-fi and fantasy worlds, such as spacecraft, hovercraft, motorcycles, vehicles or weapons. This category is not intended for historically accurate plastic scale models of vehicles or equipment; the organisers reserve the right to exclude such models from judging.

Mecha

Walking robots and similar models, such as Gundam, Dreadnought, Knight or Titan.

Ambiente

This category is for works in which a figure or group of figures and their surroundings create an atmosphere, convey an emotion or tell a story. Entries may feature one or more figures, with no restrictions on size, scale or theme. The relationship between the figures and their surroundings, the composition and the overall impact of the scene are central to this category. The judges assess the concept, creativity, painting quality and execution of the setting as a whole.

MASTER

Historical Figures

Individual historical figures and busts in any scale. A figure may be accompanied by a mount, such as a horse.

Fantasy and Sci-Fi Figures

Individual fantasy and sci-fi figures and busts in any scale, with a mount if applicable. Fantasy war machines are also included in this category.

Dioramas

Dioramas and vignettes of any size or theme, with at least 2 figures placed in a setting that together form a scene or tell a story. The same work cannot also be entered in Ambiente.

Unit

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5 Supporting Programme and Contact

Wargaming Demo Games

The supporting programme will include wargaming demonstrations. Visitors will be able to try the games and learn how to play.

Afterparty

For competitors, the afterparty is included in the registration fee. Refreshments and a live band are included.

The detailed programme schedule will be available on the Crystal Contest website and social media.

If you have any questions, contact us via Discord, Facebook, Instagram or by email at crystal@crystalcontest.eu.
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