



WALTHERS NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD BUILD-OFF

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS

ADULT - All American Favorite: Weathering

Bring on the grit and grim by realistically weathering the car using your choice of materials and methods.

AGE	Open to individuals or teams (15) years old* or older at the time of entry.
ELIGIBILITY	Void in Colorado, Maryland, and North Dakota due to state regulations surrounding contests.
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PURCHASE REQUIREMENT	Purchase of Walthers Mainline® Freight Car from walthers.com/NMRBO Several options to choose from. Available from June 1, 2026.
JUDGING CRITERIA	<p>Creativity and Artistry – 30% Skill and Complexity – 70%</p> <p>NOTE: As part of the weathering, graffiti is not necessary but is allowed if you feel it enhances your design. Use of profanity, vulgar, obscene, reckless, or illegal art will result in disqualification. Use of copywritten designs are not allowed. Art must be original and created by entrant. Any graffiti modeled will not be taken into consideration for its design during judging.</p> <p>Should you want to modify the car by adding detail parts, new wheel sets and couplers, you may but they will not be included in the judging.</p>
PRIZES	1st place - \$500 cash 2nd place - \$250 cash 3rd place - \$100 product bundle from walthers.com
ENTRY FORMAT	<p>All entries are submitted online through the NMRBO website. Each entry consists of filling out the online form and submitting digital photographs. Photo entries must be uploaded in .jpg format with a maximum file size of 5MB. The more the better! Pro Tip: Declutter the area around your model so your entry is the star of the photo. Use natural light, when possible for taking photos.</p> <p>Photos must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photos showing several angles of your model; front, right, left and top down, and close-ups showing details. • Photo of entrant(s) holding their finished car.
MINOR PERMISSION*	<p>Minors (under 18) must have parent, or guardian signature and contact information.</p> <p>If submitting as a youth team, all participants must submit individual permission forms.</p> <p>See instructions at walthers.com/nmrbo</p>
SUBMITTING ENTRY & QUESTIONS	<p>walthers.com/nmrbo All information will be found at this site including official rules, permission forms for minors, critical dates, links to freight cars and kits for purchase, and instructions for how to submit your entry. Entry Form available after June 1, 2026. Any questions, please contact custserv@walthers.com. ALL ENTRIES DUE OCTOBER 1, 2026.</p>

*All Youth entries must include Minor Consent Form found at walthers.com/NMRBO-Permission-Form