



# "BUILD A BIG BIRD" RULES



## A Postal and E-Mail Photo Event

### Introduction

Welcome ! IMAA is all about having fun so above all, we want you to have fun in joining us with the Build a Big Bird promotion. This is not an FAI big bunch of 'nitpicky rules' so please be patient with us and apply common sense in entering.

### Eligibility

If you are already an IMAA member or you are just joining now, this is for you. Only one entry in any of the categories is allowed per member. Just to be fair, the Officers and Board of Directors and their immediate families are not eligible to enter this promotion.

### Model Requirements

The model must adhere to the IMAA Safety Code rules for fixed wing. Basically, monoplanes must have a wingspan over 80" and Biplanes 60". Also a true 1/4 scale model is acceptable. You can download the Safety Code from our website (see below)

### Model Cost

Your model must be "affordable". The challenge is to make it cost under \$500.00. This cost does not include the cost of motor, radio and servos. The accepted cost of the kit, ARF or whatever will be the published "street price" so do tell us where you got it. Special deals from your uncle Bob's basement don't count here.

### Categories

The following categories will be used with a first prize of \$1,000.00 (US) for each category:

**Kit or Scratch Built:** This is for you builders. One of your photos should show the model under construction.

**ARF:** We wanted to include the growing ARF community here. You can 'kit bash' or just do a super custom finishing job on your ARF. One of your photos should show the ARF as it came from the box. (We've checked and there's a lot of ARFs out there under \$500.)

**Junior:** This category is aimed at those younger modelers aged 19 or under as of 1 July 2011. They can enter either an ARF, Scratch Built or a Kit built entry. (Please tell us if your Dad interfered too much in 'helping' you with the model.

### Photos

You can send up to 5 photos of your entry project. We prefer that you send these electronically (jpg) and in a reduced format so that we don't clog up the bandwidth. If you send more than 5 we will only take the first five we open. If you can't send them via email then send them on a CD by mail. Of course, we will also accept standard mail and hardcopy photos.

### Judging

We have selected a panel of judges who will score all the entries in each category. They will not be given the identity of the entrant. So only the photos and your description text will be used. The models, based on the photos, will be judged for:

- **Workmanship & Creativity**
- **'Fidelity' in the case of a scale model, or**
- **Originality in a sport or non-scale model**

### Deadlines

This promotion opens May 15th 2010. The deadline for entry is midnight 1st March 2011. Winners will be announced at the 2011 Joe Nall event May 14th 2011.

Winners will also be posted on the IMAA website and in High Flight Magazine.

### Prizes

The winner in each of the three categories listed above will receive \$1,000.00. There will be additional awards in each category, pending sponsorship, to be announced throughout the promotion.

Entries sent to:

**Email entries to:** [gogiantkms@comcast.net](mailto:gogiantkms@comcast.net)

**Postal entries send to:** Chief Judge  
IMAA Build a Big Bird  
1346 San Pablo Ave  
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### Contacts:

For additional information and current information on this event please visit the IMAA website regularly [www.fly-ima.org](http://www.fly-ima.org)