



Rules For The Black Queen Hobby & Miniature Painting Competition



This pack contains the full Black Queen Hobby and Miniature Painting Competition rules by UMS "Agram" to be held on February 22nd and 23th 2025 in Zagreb, Croatia as part of the Exhibition of Miniatures and Tabletop Terrain Agram.

Online registrations (see text to the right)

Once you register via e-mail you will receive your exact time for registration. Please do not be late or you will have to wait. →

Registrations (see text to the right) →

The registrations will be open from 8:30 until 11:00 in half an hour batches.

If you have not registered via e-mail, you can still attend and compete, but the entrance will no longer be free of charge.

IMPORTANT: This year we recommend to register online for the event if you want to prevent paying an entrance fee. Once you register you will receive an e-mail with the exact time for the registration on Saturday to avoid cueing.

Entry to this competition is free for online registered models, on site registration fee is 10,00 €.

All material will be published and presented in English. Interpreters or translations can be provided only for Croatian language due to the variety of nationalities we expect to attend the tournament.

Entry descriptions to be handed in have to be in English.

If you have any questions about the event please e-mail: ums.agram@gmail.com
Schedule for the competition as well as the scoring system and the rules and categories are written by members of UMS "Agram" and are copyfree.

By submitting models to the Competition you give UMS "Agram" the right to photograph and publish details of models entered for archival and promotional purposes.

The online registration period for Black Queen 2025 starts with the release of this rulespack. The pre-registrations will be open until **16th of February !**

To register online you need to send your filled registration form to our e-mail address:

ums.agram@gmail.com

Registration form is provided at the end of this rulespack.

Online registration **must be titled: BQ registration** and **must include** the name of the participant, contact e-mail or GSM number.

The registrations at the event start at 8:30 and end at 11:00.

ENTRY for the online registered models is free.

ENTRY for those who have not registered online is 10,00 €.

Each person must send his/her own online registration. However, a single person bring models from his/hers club/team mates who can not attend themselves.

THINGS YOU NEED TO BRING WITH YOU

- ❖ Your entries
- ❖ Your entry form (if you didn't register online)
- ❖ Superglue (for emergency repairs)

How does the Black Queen Hobby and Miniature Painting Competition work?

On Saturday morning during registration for Black Queen Hobby and Miniature Painting Competition you will submit your entries with a filled out registration form (you can find the form at the end of this document). Your models will be displayed in glass cases for the whole duration of the two-day event, with the judging being carried out on Saturday and the Awards Ceremony at the end of the event on Sunday. During the event all entries will be photographed. However, all competitors will be fully responsible for the transport of their own entries to and from the competition, and for storing their own transport and packing materials on the day. Please don't ask us to look after carrying cases and giant cardboard boxes. Once entries are booked in we will undertake to look after them as carefully as we can. However, we can accept no responsibility for loss or damage to individual entries. Although the models will be inside glass cabinets, they are entered at the competitor's own risk.

Finally, remember that the point of the painting competition is to showcase the efforts of all those who paint miniatures in our hobby and to have some fun. You may not agree with the final outcome, but please bear in mind that the judges' decisions are final. After all the entries are submitted they will be assigned into appropriate categories and put on display.

RULES

- ❖ You are allowed as many entries per category as you like
- ❖ Any models that have already taken part in one of our painting competitions are not allowed to re-enter in the same category (in other words, if you had a model as an entry for single miniature category in one of our previous competitions you can still enter it as a part of a diorama or a unit this year)
- ❖ There must be at least three entries from different painters per category in order for the category to be valid
- ❖ Painters will be rewarded, not the entries! You may only win a single award per category.
- ❖ If there are not enough entries in any one category, it will be joined with another category (closest to the original)
- ❖ The judges will assign models into appropriate categories
- ❖ The models must be on appropriately sized bases. However, they can still be attached to a display base or a plinth
- ❖ Competitors need not be present at the event (you can send your models via friend, however we will not accept models sent by mail)

CATEGORIES

The competition is divided into following categories:

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| 1. Single Miniature (1., 2. and 3. place) | 4. Diorama / Duel (1., 2. and 3. place) |
| 2. Mounted and Large Miniature (1., 2. and 3. place) | 5. Open (1., 2. and 3. place) |
| 3. Unit / Squad (1., 2. and 3. place) | 6. Bust (1., 2. and 3. place) |

Special categories/awards:

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| 1. Masterclass (1., 2. and 3. place) | 2. Junior (1., 2. and 3. place) | 3. People's Choice |
| 4. Best of Show | 5. Best Display | 6. Best Sculpt |

All categories cover a wide range of historical / fantasy / SF miniatures from various manufacturers like Games Workshop, Wyrd, etc. However, they must not be pre-painted!

Single Miniature category includes human sized models up to troll / ogre size (not including). Models riding mounts do not qualify for this category. The models must be on appropriately sized bases. However, they may still be attached to a display base or a plinth, not much larger than 50x50mm.

Mounted and Large Miniature category includes ogres / trolls and larger models (up to giant and dragon size) and human sized models on mounts. The models must be on appropriately sized

bases. However, they may still be attached to a display base or a plinth. 54 mm models and bigger also go in this category.

Unit / Squad category includes units/squads of at least 5 models. Warbands for skirmish games (such as Malifaux, Mordheim, Necromunda etc.) will be placed into this category. Note that units may have display bases. A display base is a piece of terrain with a slot in it for the bases/movement tray. If the display base does not have slots for the models (or some other means for attaching models on to it – magnets for example) it will be put into Diorama / Duel category and the unit will remain in the unit category. Vehicles and warmachines will be placed in the most appropriate category, either Unit/Squad or Diorama/Duel or even Open category at the judges' discretion. For example: a tank will go into Open category, a warmachine like a trebuchet with a display base will go into Diorama/Duel category, while the same trebuchet without a base but with a crew will go into Unit/Squad category.

Open category is the category in which you can let your imagination run wild. Your entry may either be a large monster (like the Mumak, Dragon, Giant, Fell Beast etc.), an ogre/troll for a large scale game (Inquisitor, 54mm and up etc.), a heavily converted model, a scratch-built model... Also, note that if your miniature is not on an appropriately sized base it will be placed into this category.

Diorama / Duel category is just what it says. Dioramas can be up to approximately 30 x 30 x 30cm in size. If your diorama is bigger than that, please let us know in your pre-registration so we can secure room in one of our bigger cabinets. Also, here you may also enter your tabletop scenery.

Bust category is the category reserved for busts of any scale and theme (fantasy, sci-fi, postapoc, steampunk or historic).

Junior category is the category reserved for our young painters (below 18 years of age). The Junior entries will be assigned in the categories above as applicable and will compete with the rest of the entries. However, best three Junior entries in the whole competition will be awarded in Junior category.

Best of Show! is a special category, where all the models from all other categories are judged together and the best is the winner of this category.

Masterclass Category is our most prestigious category (with the best prizes!). Any entry in the regular categories that our judges find exceptional in idea, skill and execution can receive gold, silver or bronze medal in Masterclass. The three medals in this category are reserved for the three best models in the competition. Also, models that receive a medal in masterclass can not get another medal in their category (any medal in Masterclass is higher than gold in a normal category). Note: if the judges do not find any models worthy of these prizes, they may not be given.

Best Display is a special category for artists that submit at least three entries connected through a common theme (like World War Two, Lord of the Rings or for example a special technique like OSL, NMM etc). Note: models that form an army (like 40k) that are divided in three entries do not count towards Display as they can be entered in the Unit/Squad category.

Best Sculpt is a special category for original sculptors. You can submit your original unpainted sculpts be they traditional or 3D sculpted.

DECIDING THE WINNERS

The first three places (painters, not entries – each painter can get only one award per category) of each category will be decided and awarded by our panel of judges (3).

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

All the entries in all the categories are eligible for this category, and the winner will be decided by our visitors' and participants' votes. The voting will take place from noon until 17.00 on Saturday. The author of the entry with the most votes will be declared the winner.

Who can vote? Every staff member, visitor and competitor at the event may vote, with the exception of the judges.

How does the scoring work? The voting is done via paper ballots. Each person may vote for a single entry chosen from the entire competition. Once the poll is closed, the judges will count the votes and the entry with the most votes will be the winner of the People's Choice Award. If there is a tie, the panel of judges will decide the winner.

WORKSHOPS, PAINTING BOOTHS AND SPEED PAINTING CONTESTS

Along with the Black Queen Hobby and Miniature Painting Competition we will be running a number of side events. On Saturday after the Opening ceremony we will organise three one-hour demonstrations/workshops and on Sunday further three. The themes and tutors will be announced at a later date, so make sure you follow our social media. →

For our youngest participants/visitors we will hold four one-hour **Back to Basics** miniature painting workshops, two on Saturday, two on Sunday.

Additionally, there will be painting booths equipped with all the tools and paints you need, so if you are competing or just browsing, bring your minis for some painting fun!

There will also be one speed painting contest organised on Sunday.



SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY

08:00 – 11:00 Earliest entry and registration
12:00 Opening ceremony
12:00 – 18:00 EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION
13:00 – 14:00 Workshop 1
14:30 – 15:30 Workshop 2
16:00 – 17:00 Workshop 3

SUNDAY

10:00 – 16:00 EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION
10:00 – 11:00 Workshop 4
11:30 – 12:30 Workshop 5
13:00 – 14:00 Speed Painting Contest
14:30 – 15:30 Workshop 6
16:00 – 17:00 Awards ceremony
17:00 – 18:00 Closing

The Legend of the Black Queen

There once was a lady who was very wicked towards her servants, and as she always wore black she became known as the Black Queen. Nobody was allowed to enter her lands and whoever did was arrested and thrown to the lions which she kept for just that reason, or was attacked by two eagles who were trained to pick out the eyeballs of their victims.

When the Turks raided throughout the Croatian lands, they didn't forget Medvedgrad. When they approached the fortress, the queen called her servants to defend the castle, but none came. She was in quite a predicament so she swore to the Devil that if he helped her she would give him Medvedgrad. Noone answered. Then she offered Medvedgrad and all the gold, but still noone answered. She then offered Medvedgrad and herself and the Devil repelled the Turks!

But now the Queen wanted to get rid of the curse so she proclaimed that she would give a hoard of treasure to anyone who would carry her around her fortress three times to lift the curse. A coal miner volunteered. The queen turned herself into a raven to make it easier for the coal miner to carry her but warned him not to be scared of anything that happens along the way. First they encountered wolves and lions but the coal miner pressed on, then snakes attacked him but still he walked on. As he was but a few steps from completing the task all at once the Devil appeared in front of him, his knees buckling he dropped the Queen. Later on a brigand volunteered but he also failed the test and so the Queen died cursed.

A couple of days after her death, one of the servants came to ask her for some money because his children were dying of hunger. He came to her chambers, knocked on the door but noone answered. He opened the door and found the Queen lying dead beside a viper. First he was scared but then he decided to take some coins. He went to the vault and found two chests, one filled with gold the other with silver. He noticed that lying on top of the gold there was another viper so he took the silver. Once outside he wanted to count the money but the silver turned to coal. He returned for the gold but the viper would not let him in, so he went home pennyless.

To this day the viper lies outside the vault letting none in...



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Hobby & Miniature Painting Competition Entry Form

Name & Surname: _____ Junior: yes no
(Ime i prezime:)

Club & Country / city: _____
(klub i država / grad:)

GSM Number & e-mail: _____
(Mob. i e-mail:)

Entry No1:
(izložak broj 1:) _____
Number of models / broj figura: _____
Display base / Movement tray: yes no
Part of Display: yes no

Entry No7:
(izložak broj 7:) _____
Number of models / broj figura: _____
Display base / Movement tray: yes no
Part of Display: yes no

Entry No2:
(izložak broj 2:) _____
Number of models / broj figura: _____
Display base / Movement tray: yes no
Part of Display: yes no

Entry No8:
(izložak broj 8:) _____
Number of models / broj figura: _____
Display base / Movement tray: yes no
Part of Display: yes no

Entry No3:
(izložak broj 3:) _____
Number of models / broj figura: _____
Display base / Movement tray: yes no
Part of Display: yes no

Entry No9:
(izložak broj 9:) _____
Number of models / broj figura: _____
Display base / Movement tray: yes no
Part of Display: yes no

Entry No4:
(izložak broj 4:) _____
Number of models / broj figura: _____
Display base / Movement tray: yes no
Part of Display: yes no

Entry No10:
(izložak broj 10:) _____
Number of models / broj figura: _____
Display base / Movement tray: yes no
Part of Display: yes no

Entry No5:
(izložak broj 5:) _____
Number of models / broj figura: _____
Display base / Movement tray: yes no
Part of Display: yes no

Entry No11:
(izložak broj 11:) _____
Number of models / broj figura: _____
Display base / Movement tray: yes no
Part of Display: yes no

Entry No6:
(izložak broj 6:) _____
Number of models / broj figura: _____
Display base / Movement tray: yes no
Part of Display: yes no

Entry No12:
(izložak broj 12:) _____
Number of models / broj figura: _____
Display base / Movement tray: yes no
Part of Display: yes no

Name & Surname: _____
(Ime i prezime:)
Total number of entries: _____
(Broj izložaka:)
Total Number of models (in all entries): _____
Ukupan broj figura (u svim izlošcima:)



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- 2 DAYS
- 11 CATEGORIES
- 6 DEMO WORKSHOPS
- 2 BACK TO BASICS WORKSHOPS
- 1 EXHIBITION

- CATEGORIES:
1. SINGLE MINIATURE
 2. LARGE & MOUNTED MINIATURE
 3. UNIT / SQUAD
 4. OPEN
 5. DIORAMA / DUEL

6. BUST
7. MASTERCLASS
8. JUNIOR
9. BEST SCULPT
10. BEST DISPLAY
11. BEST OF SHOW BY UMS "AGRAM"



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