

HOBBY TRACK 2025

Kill Team Hobby Track is for Everyone

What is Hobby Track?

Hobby Track allows players to compete based on their painting and modeling skills rather than dice rolls. It evaluates effort, brush skills, hobby creativity, visual composition, and thematic execution in miniature painting.

- Participants can compete in all events that support Hobby Track.
 - Your top six scores from eligible events will be added together for your total Hobby Track score.
 - Ask local Tournament Organizers about running Hobby Track events.
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How to Apply for a Hobby Track Token

Tournament organizers must apply for a Hobby Track token through Best Coast Pairings (BCP):

1. Navigate to Organize → Circuit Tokens.
2. Click the New Token button.
3. After your event ends, enter each player's total Hobby Track score under Soft/Hobby Scores.
4. Under the Placings tab, click Submit to Circuit and select both:
 - Hobby Track
 - ITC Tournament Token

Failing to submit both tokens will result in scores not being counted.

Hobby Track Rules

1. All models on your Kill Team's roster must be displayed for judging.
 - Omitting models will result in forfeiture of that event's Hobby Track points.
2. One extra model (e.g., vehicle or monster) may be included for display.
 - If more than one extra model is displayed, only the worst-painted extra model will be judged.
3. Display Board Requirements:
 - Max 15" width × 11" length (or **12" × 12" as an exception).
 - Max 30" height.
4. Your top five Hobby Track scores from 2025 will count towards your total.

5. You must play at least one game at an ITC event with the judged army to score Hobby Track points.
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Event Scoring

- Best Coast Pairings does not consider raw scores—only rankings (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.).
 - This prevents judges from inflating scores.
 - Larger events typically lead to higher scores due to Best Coast Pairings' event multipliers (based on rounds and participants).
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How to Score Hobby Track

There are two methods for scoring Hobby Track:

1. Showcase Method (0-100 Points)

Recommended for tournaments with 12+ players.

- Judges walk around and score each Kill Team using the sliding scale below.
- High-scoring teams are asked to display their miniatures during lunch for detailed evaluation.
- The top 20% of the field becomes the Showcase, where models are scored using the Showcase Rubric.

Sliding Scale:

Level	Points	Description
Incomplete	0	Unpainted or incomplete models
Battle Ready	30	Basic tabletop standard
Parade	50	Clean, well-painted models
Showcase	70	Advanced painting techniques

- **Large Events (2+ days):**
 - Judges can pre-select Showcase teams before the event starts, during lunch, or while walking the floor.
 - A Showcase display area is recommended for detailed judging

Showcase Rubric 2025 (100 Points Total)

For Showcase-level teams, a detailed rubric is used for final scoring.

	Models	
	Painting	
	Technical Skill	0-5 Pts
	Non-Metallic Metal (NMM), edge highlighting, blending/layering, freehand work, object source lighting (OSL), painting eyes.	
	Composition	0-2 Pts
	Effective placement of colors and elements to enhance the model's visual impact.	
	Color Theory	0-2 Pts
	Cohesive and visually appealing color scheme.	
	Basing	0-2 Pts
	Consistent and complementary basing that enhances the models.	
	Modeling	0-2 Pts
	Mold line removal, gap filling, seamless kitbashing/conversions, advanced materials (greenstuff, milliput, plasticard).	
	Display Board	
	Technical Skill	0-5 Pt
	Similar technical execution as model painting (blending, weathering, freehand, NMM).	
	Composition	0-2 Pts
	Display board matches the army's color scheme and enhances presentation.	
	Color Theory	0-2 Pts
	Proper placement of models and elements to create an immersive scene.	
	Basing	0-2 Pts
	Consistency with army basing, creating a unified display.	
	Modeling	0-2 Pts
	High-level terrain work, seamless integration of materials, smooth conversions.	
	Subjective (Rule of Cool)	0-4 Pts
	How immersive and impressive is the display and paint job? Does it tell a story? Are added effects (lighting, sounds, fog) used tastefully? Is this a display that leaves a lasting impression? Has the display been seen before, or does it stand out as unique?	

2. Painting Rubric Method (0-140 Points)

This method is recommended for smaller events or those requiring in-depth evaluation. Judges score each army based on a printed detailed painting rubric and enter the scores into Best Coast Pairings.

Kill Team Hobby Track Painting Rubric 2025

Painting	
Is the army Fully Painted (no primer showing)?	
Is the majority of the army shaded and or highlighted?	
Are three or more layers of highlighting present across the entire army?	
Are advanced details like grenades, buckles, claws, eyes, gems, rivets, bone shards/teeth and lenses painted across the entire army?	
Are advanced techniques like OSL, weathering, camouflage, glowing, NMM or freehand over the majority of the army present?	
Subjective painterly score.	/40
Baseing	
Is the basing consistent across the entire army and/or match the display or story?	
Are multiple elements and features visible/painted on the bases for a majority of the army?	
Hobby	
Are there examples of kitbashing or conversion work present for the majority of the army?	
Were all the mold lines removed and gaps filled over the majority of the army?	
Are advanced hobby materials used like plasticard, milliput, or greenstuff?	
Subjective use of hobby.	/20
Display	
Is there a display board? And does the display board fit within the required area of 15x11" or 12x12"	
Is there a background and or a clear story present?	
Is there an exceptional display board that shows effort and artistic talent above and beyond the norm?	
Subjective judgment of display board.	/20
Total	
In the event of a tie, judges will use their discretion to apply points and determine a winner.	

Terms and Definitions

Layering: Building highlights and shadows gradually with controlled brushwork (not drybrushing or airbrushing).

Kitbashing: Combining parts from two or more kits to create a unique model.

Conversion: Sculpting or modifying a model to change its appearance.

Composition: The placement of elements to enhance the visual impact.

Photographability: The army should be easy to photograph; an overly cluttered display can reduce clarity.

Judge's Subjective Score: This score varies between judges and events. The max score reflects the best they have ever seen, while a zero may be given for commissioned work or missing elements.

Final Notes

The Hobby Track 2025 Painting Rubric and leaderboard are available at:

 [HOBBY TRACK 2025 Rules](#)

Showcase Rubric link

Painting Rubric Link

Encourage local tournament organizers to participate and highlight the best-painted armies.