

# DAYLIGHT DIVISION AUCTION GUIDELINES

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## A. Introduction

1. The Daylight Division Auction is a function of (and conducted by the) Daylight Division of the Pacific Coast Region (PCR). The PCR is a region of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA).
2. The Auction Committee reserves the right to handle as they see fit, all matters concerning the auction and its accounting.
3. Any matter regarding the auction should be brought to the Auction Committee Chairman's attention. The resolution of all matters shall be up to their respective judgment.
4. All sales, in or around the meeting site, must be handled through the Auction Committee.
5. The Auction Committee, the Daylight Division, the PCR, and the NMRA, their agents and staff acting in their official capacity, assumes no responsibility for the condition or truthfulness of fact regarding any item entered into the Auction.
6. The Daylight Division Auction will be held at alternating Division Meets or when requested by the meet host. The auction may also be suspended if a meet venue or host cannot accommodate it.

## B. Who May Participate

Any person who meets the following criteria may participate in the Daylight Division Auction:

1. Any NMRA member in good standing.
2. Can present a current NMRA, PCR, or other region's membership card, or listed on a current Daylight Division membership roster.

Note: Anyone can meet the criteria for being an NMRA member in good standing by purchasing an NMRA Railpass six-month trial membership for \$9.95. The Railpass offer is for new members and those that have not been NMRA members for two years or more. Railpass applications are available from the Membership Chair or Superintendent.

## C. How the Auction Works

1. Anyone not familiar with the Daylight Division Auction procedures and rules should thoroughly read this document, and then check with an Auction Committee member if there are still unanswered questions.
2. Bidder's cards may be signed out anytime at the meet before the auction begins, subject to personnel availability. A valid membership card, as stated in item B.2, must be presented to sign out a bidder's card. No exceptions.
3. Both sellers and buyers must have a bidder's card to participate in the Daylight Auction.
4. The Daylight Division Auction starts following the business meeting, and ends when all items entered have been auctioned off or at 4:00 PM, whichever occurs first.

## D. Regular Auction:

1. Items will be auctioned in ascending item number sequence, unless the Auction Committee elects to do otherwise.
2. Bids shall advance by 25 cents or more, unless reduced by the Auctioneer; but in any case, they shall not be advanced by an amount smaller than 25 cents.
3. Each item shall be called three times before being sold. If no bids are received, the item is declared "no-bid".
4. At the completion of the bids for each item, the item will be forwarded to the Auction Cashier who will collect the selling price before delivering the item to the buyer. Items declared "no-bid" will be placed on the "no-bid" table for return to the seller or sale in accordance with Rule E.4.
5. The Auction Chairman will deny any buyer who accumulates more than 10 unpaid items the opportunity to continue bidding until their purchases are paid for and removed from the Auction Cashier area.

## **E. Buyer Rules**

1. Buyers must use their own bidder's card to take part in the auction.
2. Buyers must present their bidder's card to the Auction Cashier to claim purchases.
3. The Auction Cashier will only accept checks from members of the PCR. Make checks payable to the order of "Cash". Travelers Checks are acceptable from any auction participant. Any NMRA member from outside of the PCR who desires to participate in the auction should arrange to have a sufficient amount of cash, or Travelers Checks available to cover their purchases.
4. Any item that has gone "no-bid", and is not immediately picked up by the seller, may be purchased from the "no-bid" table. A surcharge of 10% of the minimum bid (or \$1.00, whichever is greater) will be added to the minimum bid to establish the selling price of a "no-bid" item. The 10% donation will be deducted from the selling price.

## **F. Seller Rules**

1. Sellers must pick up their bidder's card before requesting Auction Item Cards.
2. A seller may enter up to 25 items in the Regular Auction.
3. An Auction Item Card must be prepared for each item or lot entered into the auction.
4. All items must be securely mounted on a temporary base (cardboard sheet, etc.) or contained within an open-topped box for safe handling by the Auction Committee. Loose or unstable items will be removed from the auction.
5. For ease of handling, all items listed on one Auction Item Card must be securely boxed together.
6. Once an item is entered into the auction, the seller cannot remove it from the auction until it is either sold or rejected as a "no-bid" item.
7. A seller must present their bidder's card and claim checks to the Auction Cashier to claim "no-bid" items and or monies for items sold.
8. The seller will donate 10% of the selling price of each item sold to the Daylight Division. This 10% donation, rounded to the nearest 5 cents, shall be deducted from the selling price of each item.
9. The buyer shall pay for the item before the seller receives their money for it.
10. All "no-bid" items and monies due the seller must be claimed no later than the close of accounting for that auction. The only exception is those claim checks entrusted to the Paymaster by Daylight Division members for payment by mail. The Division Paymaster will pay claim checks so entrusted with a Division check. The Division checks are made out for the indisputable total of the claim checks so entrusted, less \$0.50 for handling the transaction by mail.

## **G. Estate & Liquidation Sales**

1. The estate of a deceased PCR member using the Daylight Division Auction to dispose of said member's equipment shall not be asked to make a donation. Estate items will be placed after the last regular auction items.
2. The estate of a non-PCR member, when handled by a Daylight Division member, may be disposed of via the Daylight Division Auction. The estate shall be considered a liquidation, and the items will be placed after the last regular auction items. Liquidation Sales will donate 10% of the selling price of each item to the Daylight Division; this 10% donation, rounded to the nearest 5 cents, shall be deducted from the selling price of each item.
3. The Auction Committee Chairman, prior to the date of the Daylight Division Meet, must approve all Estate & Liquidation Sales. If there are multiple Estate or Liquidation Sales, the Chairman will determine the order of the auction.

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