

Jubilee Layout Challenge

The Rules



Any further questions should be directed to the challenge organiser at jubileechallenge@scalefour.org.

Layout Design Criteria

1. The entrance criteria are as follows:
 - a. The scenic parts of the submitted layouts shall have a footprint that is not to be larger than 18.83sqft. Fiddleyards may sit outside of and thus be in addition to this area, subject to the layout complying with the requirement for the layout to be transportable within a single car as noted below.
 - b. The layout need not be to the full extent of this size and can be any shape or configuration, provided that the scenic footprint is not exceeded.
 - c. The layout is to be built to P4, P87 or equivalent standards.
 - d. The layout has to be portable and capable of being transported by a single car or similar size vehicle and exhibited by two people (see also expense rule 14).
 - e. Entries must be complete and operational as per the timescales below and contain at least three working turnouts.
2. There is no prohibition on layouts being constructed by groups of people and the entrants need not be Scalefour Society members.
3. There is no prohibition on using ready to run vehicles or products but the use of professionals to construct part or whole of the layout is not allowed.
4. Layouts which have been started prior to the challenge but not finished when entered are eligible, as long as they have neither been exhibited nor appeared in the railway press.

Contact Details and Application Forms

5. The organiser of the challenge is Mark Tatlow. Contact email is: jubileechallenge@scalefour.org.
6. Registration forms for entrants are available from the organiser or can be downloaded from the Scalefour Society Jubilee Challenge website at: www.scalefour.org/jubileechallenge.

Timescale and Milestones

7. Entrants have until 31st August 2024 to register their design on the registration form as noted above. Registered designs will be displayed at Scaleforum in September 2024 and on the Scalefour Forum.
8. Entrants are required to provide photographic/video progress reports as follows:
 - a. By 31 August 2025 — minimum requirement will be four views including two three-quarter views, one from each end of the layout.
 - b. By 31 March 2026 — minimum requirement will be six contemporary views including at least the two three-quarter views as noted above and a video to demonstrate that the entirety of the trackwork is operable.
9. The Society and the organiser reserve the right to

ask entrants who are not making sufficient progress to suggest that their entry will be complete by the final event or are not complying with the rules to step down from the challenge.

10. The Scalefour Society retains the right to publicise progress of the Jubilee 1883 Layout Challenge; this may include details, photographs and descriptions submitted or requested.
11. The entrants are encouraged to also create threads on the Society Forum and either Western Thunder/RMweb to illustrate progress with their entries and to generate interest in the challenge. Although this is not compulsory, the final judging is by public vote so generating a following via such forums is likely to be helpful to the entrant.

Final Events

12. Depending on the number of entrants, those adjudged to be the best and most complete layouts will be invited to Scaleforum 2026.
13. The decision of the Scalefour Society whether or not to accept layouts for exhibition, and the mode of exhibition, will be final. Any remaining entrants, including any that may have been asked to step down, may still be afforded an opportunity at a future Society show to display their layouts once completed.
14. The Society will pay the expenses of the entrants that attend the final event up to a maximum of the fuel costs/toll charges of reaching the venue from the entrant's abode in mainland UK and provide accommodation for a maximum of two people on a shared room basis for the Friday and Saturday nights of the final event.
15. In the event that there are entrants from overseas, the Society will look to discuss with the entrants a means to accommodate them within the competition, and such entrants are asked to raise this in their registration form for discussion at an early stage.

Competition Judging and Prizes

16. There will be a pair of best layout awards, each of which will be selected by a public vote at the final event:
 - Novices' award — best layout by an entrant who has not, or a majority of entrants who have not, previously completed and exhibited a P4 layout;
 - Overall award — best layout by any entrant. In the event that the overall award is secured by a novice entrant, only the overall award will be issued.
17. Each entry selected for the final event will be awarded a plaque.
18. There will be a trophy awarded for each of the two winners. Each of the two winners will be awarded a prize of £200.