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The Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM), sponsored by COMAP (<http://www.comap.com>), began in February, 1985, with 90 papers; the contest has grown to 10,670 teams from around the world participating in 2018. Judging this vast collection of papers in 8 weeks is a feat. We will outline the judging process highlighting what judges look for in a student paper to provide insight for student teams and advisors. Our goal is to make it even more difficult for the judges to identify the papers awarded “Finalist.” (Received September 25, 2018)