

THE SOCIETY FOR YOUNG MAGICIANS IN MANITOBA

Rules for Close-up and Stage Competitions

1. Eligibility:

All contestants must be members in good standing of The Society of Young Magicians (known as "The Young Member Program of The Society of American Magicians). **Proof of membership may be required.**

Contestant's age is as of the date of the contest; and shall be 16 years and under, with the min. age being 7 years.

2. Time:

The Time limit for performances shall be a **maximum of seven (7) minutes.**

The Time Penalty shall be the loss of one point per judge per minute to the maximum penalty of "Disqualification;" imposed entirely at the discretion of the-Head Judge.

There will be a two-minute set-up time allowed which does not count as part of the seven minutes.

3. Categories:

1. Junior – ages 7 to 11;

2. Senior – ages 12 to 16;

The Contest Committee reserves the right to divide the contest into categories; and to place contestants in the appropriate category based on their knowledge of the contestant.

4. Judging:

Contestants are judged on Degree of Difficulty; Skill/Technique; Presentation; Originality; and Audience Reaction.

All scores and score sheets remain the confidential property of the Contest Chairman.

The Final Score Sheet will be posted after the awards. (Judges' scores are scrambled and anonymous.)

Critiquing for the contestants, for those who wish, will be provided after the awards ceremony. Should circumstances dictate, critiquing will be provided at a reasonable place and time to be determined.

5. Awards:

Announcement of awards will immediately follow the conclusion of the contest.

All contestants will receive participation recognition in some form. Traditionally, only the overall winner receives an "Award of Merit."

6. Apparatus:

Performers are responsible for providing all props required for their act.

Stage: One table will be provided if required.

Close-up: The table supplied by the contest committee may not be moved, removed or substituted.

7. Music/Sound:

Music –

Apparatus will be provided to play ~~cassette tapes and~~ CD's only.

Mark your tape with your name and be sure it is "cued"; and/or list CD songs on separate sheet.

(Note: Label your property!)

Sound –

Stage competitions usually will have lavalier and stand-up microphones.

Close-up competitions will not have the use of microphones.

Introductions: –

Close-up Contestants will be self-introduced.

Stage Competitors will be introduced by the M.C

8. Lighting:

Stage – Special lighting requests will be determined and accommodated by the contest chairman where possible.

Close-up – All lighting is to be same for all contestants.

9. Dangerous Magic:

NO FIRE shall be used by any contestant. This includes the use of Flash Paper, Flash Powder/String or any form of smoke machine or device.

DANGEROUS objects or dangerous magic apparatus as determined by the contest committee will not be permitted.

LIVE ANIMALS: Contestants using live animals or birds, of any kind in their act, must provide proper and adequate food, water, housing and care facilities. They must tend to their animals/birds once every hour.

No animals or birds will be disposed of by any contestant at the contest; and all-animals and birds will remain the property and responsibility of the said contestant.

All contestants using animals/birds shall indicate this at the time they register for the contest.

Failure to comply with all of the above may result in disqualification.

10. Volunteers/Assistants:

The use of Volunteers/ Assistants will be left to the discretion of the contestant.

Only contestants and their immediate assistants (if necessary) are permitted backstage.

11. The Magicians Code of Ethics insists that no one touches another magician's magic props and apparatus.

12. Contestant's Meeting:

A meeting of the contestants will take place approx. **60 minutes before the contest for stage competitions;** and approx. **30 minutes before the close-up contest;** at the contest site. **All contestants must check-in with the Contest Committee at this meeting.**

13. Contestants/Contest Committee:

The contest committee reserves the right to change the time limit based on the number of contestants and the time restrictions allotted for the use of the facilities.

All contestants will perform as a "solo act" unless the rules for that particular contest has made provision for duo/special acts, etc. A solo act may-consist of a magician and their assistant(s), however, only the magician will receive any awards for the act which is judged on its entirety.

Special contests may be presented in place of the regular S.Y.M. contests, isolating special areas, such as, comedy, manipulation, team acts, etc.

The contestants agree to abide by the all decisions made by the Contest Committee and Head Judge which shall be final and binding.

Entry Deadline:

As determined by the committee.

This contest is being run to promote participation and fun in performing one's magic.

