

Aces Magic Club



2010 CLOSE-UP / PARLOR MAGIC COMPETITION

Sponsored by P.J.'s Trick Shop

GENERAL CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

1. The competition will take place during the May 18, 2010 meeting.
2. Contestants must complete an official application and send via e-mail to the Event Coordinator at: Fred.Paul.Bailey@acesmagicclub.com by Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Contestants are responsible to monitor acknowledgment as received by the Event Coordinator.
3. There shall be a minimum of six contestants.
4. The Event Coordinator has the discretion to limit the total number of acts to fit the time frame available at the venue. Contestants will be notified of their acceptance to compete no later than April 25, 2010.
5. The maximum performance time of each act is 10 minutes.
6. The use of "inappropriate" or "blue" material is NOT ALLOWED. If such material is presented during the competition, and if deemed inappropriate by the Judges/Event Coordinator, the act will be interrupted and disqualified.
7. The following criteria and point values will be used by the judges for scoring and determination of the winner:
 - STAGECRAFT = 0 to 15 Points
Appearance of performer, costume, props, and whether these elements are appropriate for the act.

- STAGE PRESENCE = 0 to 15 Points
Personality, Poise, Confidence, Professionalism, and an Ability To Connect With the Audience.
- ENTERTAINMENT VALUE = 0 to 40 Points
Audience reaction and appreciation, combined with the enjoyment of the performance by the judges.
- PRESENTATION = 0 to 30 Points
Ruining, Continuity, Showmanship, Professionalism

** Any act running over the 10 Minute performance time limit will have 1 point per 10 seconds they are over deducted from their total score. **

8. Only current members of the club may compete.
9. All entrants will have 2 minutes to set up their act, and 1 minute to clean up after their act. Taking longer than these time limits will cause the timekeeper to deduct points from the final score of that performer.

** Any act running over the above stated time allotment to set-up/breakdown the performance area will have 1 point per 10 second they are over deducted from their total score. **
10. Judges will be selected by the Event Coordinator. Judges may be magicians or laypeople. Every judge will independently score the performers using the point system established within this document. Judges will confer at the conclusion of the competition to choose the winner in the event of a tie.
11. Every effort will be put forth by the club officers and event coordinator to provide an appropriate performing environment, but are not responsible for any last-minute change of venue, lighting conditions, technical equipment, audience reactions, contestant's actions or comments, club member's actions or comments, or judge's decisions.
12. Judges have the option of discussing an individual's performance with the participant after the competition is over and the winner is announced. It is each judge's personal decision if they would like to participate in a conversation about the act and/or the outcome of the contest.
13. Numerical Scores and place points after 3rd will not be publicly announced.
14. The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the competition. The winner will be given an award to be determined provided by P.J.'s Trick

Shop indicating that he or she is the winner of ACEs Magic Clubs 2010 Close-Up/Parlor Magic Competition.

15. It will be the sole discretion of the judges and the club officers to decide, based on merit of the performances, whether any additional awards of merit will be announced and/or awarded.
16. These guidelines will be posted on the club website no less than 10 days prior to the competition, and are subject to change. Notification of changes to these guidelines will be posted to the website as well as emails to members and competitors.
17. Contestants are personally responsible for being aware of all contest rules.
18. Contestants are responsible for all props necessary for their act, including but not limited to sound equipment, microphone, and music.
19. One restaurant table or magician's roll-on table will be provided by the club for the use of all contestants. One single electrical outlet will be available. Contestants are responsible for all table coverings, additional tables, and any additional equipment required to perform their act. The performance space is approximately 12' wide x 5' deep with a ceiling height of 8' and raised 8" from the main floor.
20. Decisions of the Event Coordinator, officers of the club, the board of directors, the MC of the competition, and the contest judges are final as related to their respective roles and area(s) of responsibilities.