

APPENDIX E

BYLAWS OF THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF MAGICIANS

CONTESTANT TROPHY AND AWARDS RULES

A. GENERAL

These Contestant Trophy and Awards Rules facilitate the accountability of the contest process to maintain the integrity of receiving the trophy. These rules apply to any magic competition during a TAOM Convention, or any other TAOM event.

1. Contestants may not receive compensation of any kind for their contest appearance at the Annual Convention. Immediately after the contest winners have been announced and the awards presented, including cash awards presented, including cash awards if offered, the contestants are relieved of this restriction.
2. Trophies may be awarded in the following categories:

SENIOR

- (A) Close-Up
- (B) Stage/Club
- (C) Comedy

JUNIOR

- (A) Close-Up
- (B) Stage/Club

BEST OF CONVENTION

- (A) From any of the categories

C. DEFINITIONS

SENIOR: A contestant eighteen years of age or older.

JUNIOR: A contestant less than eighteen years of age.

CLOSE-UP: Magic suitable for a small intimate audience.

STAGE/CLUB: Magic effects suitable for a theater stage or club setting, and can include but not limited to illusions and effects involving more than one person or animals.

COMEDY: Magic intentionally of a comic nature.

BEST OF CONVENTION: An additional trophy may be awarded to a contestant if, in the opinion of the judges, one act was of such outstanding, superior quality as to merit such distinction. This trophy shall be known as the "Herman Yerger Trophy."

B. AWARDS

1. Regardless the number of contestants in a category, if in the opinion of the judges, no act conforms to the high standards commensurate with the prestige of a TAOM trophy, none will be awarded.

D. SUBMISSIONS

1. Each TAOM Contest must require all potential contestants be pre-qualified. The pre-qualifying process does not replace the actual judging and, therefore, has no bearing on the outcome of the contest.
2. Potential contestants may choose to submit a video of their acts or be recommended in writing to the Contest Chairman by at least two members of the TAOM Member Clubs.
3. The Contest Chairman may accept an act without a video or recommendation if he/she has personal knowledge of the act.

E. GENERAL CONTEST RULES

1. Any person registered for the Annual Convention will be eligible to compete upon their compliance with the requirements of Section D Submissions.
2. Applications to compete must be received by the TAOM Contest Chairman at least 60 days prior to the start of the Annual Convention.
3. The Contest Chairman will notify each applicant of acceptance or rejection of their application to compete at least 30 days before the start of the Annual Convention.
4. Each act will be no more than ten minutes. An act exceeding the time limit will be penalized one point for each ten seconds over time. An act exceeding 12 minutes will be disqualified.
5. The use of sexually suggestive, profane or “blue” material or fire, glitter or confetti will not be allowed. If such material is presented during any act, in the opinion of the judges, the contestant will be disqualified. This disqualification is not taken lightly, and to further safeguard this breach of the TAOM standards, other steps may be taken. The contest chair may make exceptions to fire, glitter or confetti.
6. Acts will be judged in the following areas:

STAGE SETTING

General appearance, eye appeal, attractiveness and appropriateness of props, tables, and equipment.

STAGE PRESENCE

Poise and confidence, intelligible speech, direct and understandable theme.

ENTERTAINMENT VALUE

Indicated by audience reaction, appreciation and overall enjoyment.

PRESENTATION AND OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Personality, projection, routining and continuity, professional presentation, and technical ability.

ORIGINALITY

Original material, inventive presentation or routining to include new presentations of standard effects — “something different.”