

NWMC Rules

Last updated November 2009

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The North Wales Magic Circle ~ Mae Cylch Hud Gogledd Cymru.

2. Objects:

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3. Membership:

- 3.1: General Membership shall be open to all those who are interested in Magic and who are **sixteen years of age or over**.
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- 3.4: A properly completed application form **must** be accompanied by the appropriate Entrance Fee and Annual Subscription (see Rule 3.12) and be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary. The application will then be considered by the Committee at their next regular meeting following the receipt of the application form.
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Addendum to rules, agreed at the AGM on the 4th of November 2008:

- a) That the annual subscriptions be routinely increased by approximately 10% every two years.
- b) That the admission charge for lectures be increased to £5 for all classes of member.
- c) That the admission charge for lectures be increased to £7 for all non-members.

4. Management and Annual General Meeting:

- 4.1: The affairs of the Circle shall be under the management of Officers and Committee elected annually in the Annual General Meeting and shall include the President Elect, and also the Immediate Past President who shall serve for **one year** following his/her Presidency.
- 4.2: The Annual General Meeting shall be held as soon as possible after October 31st to receive reports, to deliberate any proposed alteration to rules or other proposals, to inaugurate the New President, and to elect a President Elect. Treasurer, Secretary/Welfare Officer, Griffin Editor, Entertainments Officer, Minute Secretary, Book Librarian, Media Librarian, Competition Organiser, Photographer and three Ordinary Members, and to transact any other business. Honorary Vice Presidents shall be Life Vice Presidents, limited to FIVE and appointed by the A.G.M. **N.B.** No member may be elected President in consecutive years.
- 4.3: Nomination papers together with advance notice of the A.G.M. shall be sent to all members by August 31st.
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- 4.8: Method of voting shall be by a show of hands plus Postal Votes except for the contested election of officers and committee which shall be by ballot.
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7.1 General

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- 7.1.8: It is recommended that a winner one year will **not** be excluded from competing in that contest the following year (subject to the rules of that particular contest).
- 7.1.9: Where the Stage Competition and Comedy Competition are run in the same show, a competitor attaining highest marks in both competitions, in accordance with rules of both the competitions, shall be awarded each competition trophy.
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- 7.1.14: Where there is a tie for first place in any Circle competition, the names of such winners in that Competition will be inscribed on the Trophy and each of the joint winners to hold it for an equal length of
- 7.1.15 The announcement of winners and presentation of Trophies shall take place at the Annual Dinner Dance. The winner(s) shall be responsible for the safe-keeping of trophies and may be requested to cover the cost of any loss or damage. Trophies must be returned in a clean/polished condition prior to the following Annual Dinner Dance.
- 7.1.16: The decision of the Competition Organiser is final except as stated under Rule 7.1.7
- 7.1.17 If the Magic Judge(s) of a competition feel that the standard of acts is too low to be awarded the trophy, two other committee members should be consulted and a decision made as to whether to award the trophy for the competition or not.
- 7.1.18 The minimum times are recommended times only, however acts will be informed that a shorter act may not be marked as highly as a longer one.
- 7.1.19 A warning bell will be sounded two minutes before the maximum time, and any act who is over the maximum time will be disqualified.

7.2 Competition Rules: Intermediate Stage Competition (commonly known as the Cabaret Competition)

- 7.2.1: The contest will take place on a stage.
- 7.2.2: The performance shall be not less than 10 minutes and not more than 15 minutes. An audible warning shall be given after 13 minutes have elapsed. Any over-run shall be penalised as follows:-
- 1 point to be deducted for each 30 seconds or part thereof.
 - After 3 minutes the competitor shall be disqualified
- 7.2.3: A member winning the contest three times will not be allowed to compete again in this contest if there is an Advanced Competition.
- 7.2.4: Entry is only open to those not having previously entered any of the Advanced Stage Contests during the previous 3 years.

7.3 Competition Rules: Advanced Stage and Comedy Competition

- 7.3.1: The contest shall take place on a stage if possible.
- 7.3.2: The performances must be completed within 15 minutes. A warning signal will be given at 12 minutes. Any over-run shall be penalised as follows:-
- 1 point to be deducted for each 30 seconds or part thereof.
 - After 3 minutes the competitor shall be disqualified
- 7.3.3: It is generally accepted that those entering this contest will not be eligible to enter any of Intermediate Stage Contests (see 7.2.4).
- 7.3.5: A Master Magician Trophy will be awarded to a member winning this contest three consecutive times, after which he/she will be considered above the standard for the competition.
- 7.3.6 Should this competition not be held in a particular year, a Comedy Award MAY be presented at the Annual Dinner Dance to an act that has impressed the Committee during any of the other formal competitions.

7.4 Competition Rules: Close Up

- 7.4.1: The Judging Panel will consist of **lay people** to the ratio of One to each Close Up Table; who will mark on entertainment only, i.e., how much he/she was entertained by the contestant. There shall be at least **one** magical judge at each Close-Up Table who shall mark under three headings:
- (a) Skill and Technique,
 - (b) Strength of magical effect upon the Audience.
 - (c) Originality in method of presentation.

Magical Judges may use their discretion as to whether or not an effect is suitable. If not suitable, the Judges will not mark that effect (see also 7.4.5).

- 7.4.2: The performance shall be not less than 8 minutes and not more than 12 minutes. An audible warning shall be given after 10 minutes have elapsed. Any over-run shall be penalised as follows:-
- 1 point to be deducted for each 30 seconds or part thereof.
 - After 3 minutes the competitor shall be disqualified
- 7.4.3: Tables will be provided for competitors but may be supplemented by competitors' own mats, close up cases or other aids with a maximum height of twelve inches.
- 7.4.4: Competitors may be required to perform their act at each table in turn. There will be a maximum of four tables.
- 7.4.5: Competitors are required to perform seated at or standing behind the table or directly to a spectator adjacent to the table. Effects and properties used must be those primarily intended for Close Up work. Large apparatus or tricks which are essentially for platform use are excluded, and the use of such will result in disqualification.
- 7.4.6: In fairness to other Competitors, where more than one is competing at the same time, music accompaniment or other loud distractions are not permitted during the performance.

7.5 Competition Rules: Mental

- 7.5.1: The contest will take place on a stage, if available.
- 7.5.2: The performance shall be not less than 15 minutes and not more than 20 minutes. A warning signal will be given at 18 minutes. Any over-run shall be penalised as follows:-
- 1 point to be deducted for each 30 seconds or part thereof.
 - After 3 minutes the competitor shall be disqualified.
- 7.5.3: The judging panel will consist of at least two Lay people and two Magical Judges.

7.6 Competition Rules: Children's Entertainer Award

- 7.6.1: Each year the Committee may at its discretion organise a children's performance, either to, or in aid of, a children's charity. The performance will run for one hour without an interval or two forty minutes halves with one interval. In the absence of a Charity event, and providing there are at least 3 entrants, the Competition Organise has discretion to arrange a Children's Magic Competition.
- 7.6.2: The total time will be divided by the number of contestants entering, allowing sufficient time for announcing. The number involved will therefore dictate the time allowed for each act.
- 7.6.3: Judging will be by a panel of children, excepting occasions where children present are too young to understand the requirements. Adults in charge of them will be asked to judge in the latter case.

8. Meeting Nights

The North Wales Magic Circle Ordinary Meetings are held at 8.00pm on the first Tuesday of every month at Constitutional Club; 15 Eden Avenue, Prestatyn LL19 9DL. Further nights may be added to accommodate visiting Lecturers. Details will be announced at preceding Ordinary Meetings and published in The Griffin.

9. The Circle's Book & Multi Media Libraries – General Rules

The Libraries for both books and multi media are opened at the start of each meeting for the borrowing and returning of books, videos, cds and dvds. .

Both Librarians are pleased to receive gifts and donations of books, videos and dvds on magic and associated arts or on subjects of particular interest to magicians. However, due to transport and storage limitations, the Book Librarian **cannot** accept magical magazines or periodicals.

Rules for the Circle Book Library

- (a) The Book Lending Library of books and periodicals are to appertain to magic and allied arts and will be available for the sole use of Members of the North Wales Magic Circle - Cylch Hud Goggedd Cymru.
- (b) The library stock will be maintained, stored, and catalogued by a Book Librarian, elected annually in the Annual general Meeting. The Book Librarian will also maintain a record of Lending and of fees obtained for the borrowing of books.
- (c) A sub committee of two members will be elected from the members of the General Committee to decide which books to purchase.
- (d) Members may borrow up to 2 books at a time for a charge of 50p (or other amount agreed at AGM) per book. Items will be loaned for 1 month.
- (e) A fine of £1.50 per book/per month (or other amount agreed at AGM) will be levied for late return of books. Loan of a book may be renewed at the discretion of the Librarian, and be subject to an additional payment of the normal hire fee for each month of the extended/renewed loan.
- (f) The period of **one month** is defined as from the first Tuesday Meeting Night to the next Tuesday meeting night irrespective of how many days are in the month.

- (g) **No** part of the books borrowed must be copied, as this is an infringement of Copyright. Permission to books taken of members or those made by and/or members should be obtained from the members concerned.
- (h) Members are responsible for looking after and returning items borrowed. If a book is lost or damaged whilst on loan, the member will be charged for the repair or replacement cost as identified by the Librarian. If no exact replacement is obtainable, then the Member will be charged for the book's value as determined by the Librarian.
- (i) Books classified as collectors items may be loaned at the discretion of the Librarian. A refundable deposit will be required on the loan of a rare or valuable book, The amount of deposit to be at the Librarian's discretion, but for a minimum of £5.

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10. The Griffin

The Griffin is the journal of the North Wales Magic Circle and is normally published monthly. Each member, or household in the case of family membership, receives a copy either through the post or by email. Electronic (email) transmission is the preferred method of distribution as it saves the society printing and production costs and benefits the environment. Back issues of The Griffin are also available at www.griffinmagazine.co.uk. The Griffin contains information on forthcoming monthly meetings and chronicles the activities of the society along with other information, and articles of interest to the membership.

Articles and information intended for publication should be sent to the editor. Submissions can be sent by the following methods:

Email to editor@griffinmagazine.co.uk

Fax to 01244 520101

Post to: "Witzend" No. 10 The Rowans, Broughton, Chester. CH4 0TD

The preferred method is by email. All submissions should ideally be typed and if sent by email, saved in Microsoft Word format.

Each issue contains the contact details of members of the committee should members need to contact an officer of North Wales Magic Circle.

11. Membership List

The membership list is published annually by a new list, sent with the March Issue of the Griffin. Members are requested to provide the Editor with any alterations or corrections by 1st February.

12. Officers List

The November issue of The Griffin will contain a complete list each year and future Membership lists will also denote holders of each office during that current year.

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- 7.1.18 The minimum times are recommended times only, however acts will be informed that a shorter act may not be marked as highly as a longer one.
- 7.1.19 A warning bell will be sounded two minutes before the maximum time, and any act who is over the maximum time will be disqualified.

7.2 Competition Rules: Intermediate Stage Competition

- 7.2.1: The contest will take place on a stage.
- 7.2.2: The performance must be completed within 15 minutes. A warning signal will be given at 12 minutes. Any over-run shall be penalised as follows:-
- 1 point to be deducted for each 30 seconds or part thereof.
 - After 3 minutes the competitor shall be disqualified
- 7.2.3: A member winning the contest three times will not be allowed to compete again in this contest if there is an Advanced Competition.
- 7.2.4: Entry is only open to those not having previously entered any of the Advanced Stage Contests during the previous 3 years.

7.3 Competition Rules: Advanced Stage and Comedy Competition

- 7.3.1: The contest shall take place on a stage if possible.
- 7.3.2: The performances must be completed within 15 minutes. A warning signal will be given at 12 minutes. Any over-run shall be penalised as follows:-
- 1 point to be deducted for each 30 seconds or part thereof.
 - After 3 minutes the competitor shall be disqualified
- 7.3.3: It is generally accepted that those entering this contest will not be eligible to enter any of Intermediate Stage Contests (see 7.2.4).
- 7.3.5: A Master Magician Trophy will be awarded to a member winning this contest three consecutive times, after which he/she will be considered above the standard for the competition.
- 7.3.6 Should this competition not be held in a particular year, a Comedy Award MAY be presented at the Annual Dinner Dance to an act that has impressed the Committee during any of the other formal competitions.

7.4 Competition Rules: Close Up

- 7.4.1: The Judging Panel will consist of LAY PEOPLE to the ratio of One to each Close Up Table; who will mark on entertainment only, i.e., how much he/she was entertained by the contestant. There shall be at least ONE magical judge at each Close-Up Table who shall mark under three headings:
- (a) Skill and Technique,
 - (b) Strength of magical effect upon the Audience.
 - (c) Originality in method of presentation.
- Magical Judges may use their discretion as to whether or not an effect is suitable. If not suitable, the Judges will not mark that effect (see also 7.4.5).
- 7.4.2: The performance shall be not less than 8 minutes and not more than 12 minutes. An audible warning shall be given after 10 minutes have elapsed. Any over-run shall be penalised as follows:-
- 1 point to be deducted for each 30 seconds or part thereof.
 - After 3 minutes the competitor shall be disqualified

- 7.4.3: Tables will be provided for competitors but may be supplemented by competitors' own mats, close up cases or other aids with a maximum height of twelve inches.
- 7.4.4: Competitors may be required to perform their act at each table in turn. There will be a maximum of four tables.
- 7.4.5: Competitors are required to perform seated at or standing behind the table or directly to a spectator adjacent to the table. Effects and properties used must be those primarily intended for Close Up work. Large apparatus or tricks which are essentially for platform use are excluded, and the use of such will result in disqualification.
- 7.4.6: In fairness to other Competitors, where more than one is competing at the same time, music accompaniment or other loud distractions are not permitted during the performance.

7.5 Competition Rules: Mental

- 7.5.1: The contest will take place on a stage, if available.
- 7.5.2: The performance shall be not less than 15 minutes and not more than 20 minutes.. A warning signal will be given at 18 minutes. Any over-run shall be penalised as follows:-
- 1 point to be deducted for each 30 seconds or part thereof.
 - After 3 minutes the competitor shall be disqualified.
- 7.5.3: The judging panel will consist of at least two Lay people and two Magical Judges.

7.6 Competition Rules: Children's Entertainer Award

- 7.6.1: Each year the Committee may at its discretion organise a children's performance, either to, or in aid of, a children's charity. The performance will run for one hour without an interval or two forty minutes halves with one interval. In the absence of a Charity event, and providing there are at least 3 entrants, the Competition Organise has discretion to arrange a Children's Magic Competition.
- 7.6.2: The total time will be divided by the number of contestants entering, allowing sufficient time for announcing. The number involved will therefore dictate the time allowed for each act.
- 7.6.3: Judging will be by a panel of children, excepting occasions where children present are too young to understand the requirements. Adults in charge of them will be asked to judge in the latter case.

8. Meeting Nights

The North Wales Magic Circle Ordinary Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the First Tuesday of every month at The Little Theatre, Vale Road. Rhyl, Denbighshire LL18 2BS. (tel: 01745 342 229) Further nights may be added to accommodate visiting Lecturers. Details will be announced at preceding Ordinary Meetings and published in The Griffin.

9. The Circle's Book & Multi Media Libraries – General Rules

The Libraries for both books and multi media are opened at the start of each meeting for the borrowing and returning of books, videos, cds and dvds. .

Both Librarians are pleased to receive gifts and donations of books, videos and dvds on magic and associated arts or on subjects of particular interest to magicians. However, due to transport and storage limitations, the Book Librarian CANNOT accept magical magazines or periodicals.

Rules for the Circle Book Library

- (a) The Book Lending Library of books and periodicals are to appertain to magic and allied arts and will be available for the sole use of Members of the North Wales Magic Circle - Cylch Hud Gogledd Cymru.
- (b) The library stock will be maintained, stored, and catalogued by a Book Librarian, elected annually in the Annual general Meeting. The Book Librarian will also maintain a record of Lending and of fees obtained for the borrowing of books.
- (c) A sub committee of two members will be elected from the members of the General Committee to decide which books to purchase.
- (d) Members may borrow up to 2 books at a time for a charge of 50p (or other amount agreed at AGM) per book. Items will be loaned for 1 month.
- (e) A fine of £1.50 per book/per month (or other amount agreed at AGM) will be levied for late return of books. Loan of a book may be renewed at the discretion of the Librarian, and be subject to an additional payment of the normal hire fee for each month of the extended/renewed loan.
- (f) The period of ONE MONTH is defined as from the first Tuesday Meeting Night to the next Tuesday meeting night irrespective of how many days are in the month.
- (g) NO part of the books borrowed must be copied, as this is an infringement of Copyright. Permission to books taken of members or those made by and/or members should be obtained from the members concerned.
- (h) Members are responsible for looking after and returning items borrowed. If a book is lost or damaged whilst on loan, the member will be charged for the repair or replacement cost as identified by the Librarian. If no exact replacement is obtainable, then the Member will be charged for the book's value as determined by the Librarian.
- (i) Books classified as collectors items may be loaned at the discretion of the Librarian. A refundable deposit will be required on the loan of a rare or valuable book, The amount of deposit to be at the Librarian's discretion, but for a minimum of £5.

Rules for the Circle Multi Media Library

- (a) The Multi Media Lending Library of video tapes, cds and dvds are to appertain to magic and allied arts and will be available for the sole use of Members of the North Wales Magic Circle - Cylch Hud Goggledd Cymru.
- (b) The library stock will be maintained, stored, and catalogued by a Multi Media Librarian, elected annually in the Annual general Meeting. The Multi Media Librarian will also maintain a record of Lending and of fees obtained for the borrowing of multi media materials
- (c) A sub committee of two members will be elected from the members of the General Committee to decide which videotapes, cds and dvds to purchase.
- (d) The period of loan will be one month at a loan fee of £2 (or other amount decided at Annual General Meeting), per item per month. Fines for overdue items will be twice the normal monthly loan fee per item for each month overdue.
- (e) The period of ONE MONTH is defined as from the first Tuesday Meeting Night to the next Tuesday meeting night irrespective of how many days are in the month.
- (f) Commercial Video Tapes, cds or dvds MUST NOT be copied, as this is an infringement of Copyright. Permission to copy any material taken of members or those made by and/or members should be obtained from the members concerned

10. The Griffin

The Griffin is the journal of the North Wales Magic Circle and is normally published monthly. Each member, or household in the case of family membership, receives a copy either through the post or by email. Electronic (email) transmission is the preferred method of distribution as it saves the society printing and production costs and benefits the environment. Back issues of The Griffin are also available at www.griffinmagazine.co.uk. The Griffin contains information on forthcoming monthly meetings and chronicles the activities of the society along with other information, and articles of interest to the membership.

Articles and information intended for publication should be sent to the editor. Submissions can be sent by the following methods:

Email to editor@griffinmagazine.co.uk

Fax to 01244 520101

Post to: "Witzend" No. 10 The Rowans, Broughton, Chester. CH4 0TD

The preferred method is by email. All submissions should ideally be typed and if sent by email, saved in Microsoft Word format.

Each issue contains the contact details of members of the committee should members need to contact an officer of North Wales Magic Circle.

11. Membership List

The membership list is published annually by a new list, sent with the March Issue of the Griffin. Members are requested to provide the Editor with any alterations or corrections by 1st February.

12. Officers List

The November issue of The Griffin will contain a complete list each year and future Membership lists will also denote holders of each office during that current year.

Addendum to Rules

Agreed at the AGM on the 4th of November 2008:

- a) That the annual subscriptions be routinely increased by approximately 10% every two years.
- b) That the admission charge for lectures be increased to £5 for all classes of member.
- c) That the admission charge for lectures be increased to £7 for all non-members.

Agreed at the AGM on the 3rd of November 2009:

- a) If the Magic Judge(s) of a competition feel that the standard of acts is too low to be awarded the trophy, two other committee members should be consulted and a decision made as to whether to award the trophy for the competition or not.
- b) The minimum and maximum times for competitions to be altered:
 - Close up – 8 minutes minimum, 12 minutes maximum
 - Mentalism – 15 minutes minimum, 20 minutes maximum
 - Cabaret – 10 minutes minimum, 15 minutes maximum

The minimum times are recommended times only, however acts will be informed that a shorter act may not be marked as highly as a longer one.
A warning bell will be sounded two minutes before the maximum time, and any act who is over the maximum time will be disqualified.

