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Proposal for Regulations concerning Fire and Pyrotechnics

Purpose: To conform to International Brotherhood of Magicians (afterwards know as I.B.M.) rules concerning fire and pyrotechnics in all contests and performances at all International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 129 (afterwards known as Ring 129) events.

Precedence: I.B.M. Contest Rules and Procedures as posted on the www.magician.org website dated 18 February 2005 by Mr. Don Greenberg.

“Proposed Rule: The use of any smoke-generating effects or pyrotechnic materials larger than matches, candles, or small displays of flash paper/string/cotton is prohibited. The Contest Chairperson (for annual stage and close-up contests) or the Senior Ring 129 Board Member present (for monthly contests and performances) must approve all use of these materials. Such approval may require an actual demonstration prior to performance of said effects for clarification. The judgment of the Chairperson or Senior Ring 129 Board Member shall be final. These rules shall apply to all Ring 129 sponsored events, and pyro use may be prohibited by local law or statute.

All Ring 129 members using fire or pyro in their acts or routines during a sanctioned Ring 129 event must carry some form of liability insurance, such as the I.B.M. Group Liability Insurance or equivalent.

Performers failing to disclose fire/pyro effects in their acts, or knowingly disregarding the rules once adopted shall be disqualified. Second offense by same performer shall result in the barring of performer for the term of one year from any Ring 129 sponsored contests, including monthly and annual events.

Restricted effect/presentations: Fire eating, burning material that produces smoke or ash, flashpots, any item producing flame over four inches in height. This list is not inclusive and effects or devices not listed or not yet created are not exempt from restrictions placed by adoption of this policy.

A minimum requirement of this policy would be the placement of a fire extinguisher within 10 feet of the performer during such effects (monthly contest) or just off stage during the H. Claude Enslow Annual Stage Contest.”

Additional Notes:

- 1) The additional cost of consulting the local Fire Marshal and possible requirement by local statute or law that a Fire Marshal be present during such performances may be cost prohibitive. The cost for hiring Fire Marshal will be the burden of the performer.
- 2) A performer is responsible to provide his/her own fire extinguisher and/or fire blanket if using fire in their act/routine.
- 3) The use of fire or certain effects producing smoke or ash can, and should, be restricted not just because of the size of the flame, but also due to the limited size of the venue in which they are performed. Smoke in a small room with little ventilation can quickly agitate allergies and other respiratory conditions.
- 4) As stated on the I.B.M Stage Contest Pyro Sheet “The definition of pyro has changed in the past few years to include almost everything.” They further state “all this (*fire/pyro*) must be approved by local Fire Marshals prior to use and they sometimes reserve the right to limit the use of the pyro.”
- 5) Using a form such as the one attached, would limit Ring 129 liability by requiring all performers disclose in advance all pyro or fire effects used during their performance, regardless of size for approval.
- 6) This is not meant to target one individual or group, but is meant as a guide in addressing concerns from our members over issues raised in the last several months including incidents at the H. Claude Enslow Stage Contest and our Monthly Ring 129 Meetings.
- 7) All quotes from the I.B.M. website (a.k.a. www.magician.org) were valid and correct on the day this was composed 4/26/2006.

Respectfully submitted

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Contest Pyro Sheet

Please note that **any pyro** used must be listed. **Senior Board Member must approve all use of pyro prior to use.** Decision of the Senior Board Member is final and reserves the right to not allow the use of the pyro. If you do not disclose accurately, you may not be allowed to use the pyro and maybe disqualified. The definition of pyro has changed in the past few years to include almost everything.

Be aware that the Contest Rules and Procedures include the following restriction: - *"The use of any smoke generating effects, or pyrotechnic materials larger than matches, candles, or small displays of flash paper/string/cotton are prohibited. All use of these materials must be approved by the Senior Board Member."*

Examples are: flash paper, flash string, flash pots, open flames (candles, lighters, matches, etc). Please list any pyro used in your act. Also, indicate if you have any licenses for using the pyro.

Contestant Name: _____

Act Name: _____

Effect	Pyro Device
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