

## <u>Rules</u>

**1./** The order of performers shall be drawn by the Chairman or a representative prior to the day of the competition and all competitors will be notified of the running order.

**2./** Any competitor who is not available to compete at the allotted position shall be withdrawn from the competition.

**3./** The performance shall be before a lay audience and members of the Leicester Magic Circle. (Open Evening)

**4./** The competition will be judged by two judges and their decision will be final.

- One judge will assess magical content.
- One judge will assess presentation / entertainment value.
- Each judge will mark out of 50 points
- Each judge will mark the first performance at 25 points.

**5./** The major criteria shall be that the performance shall comprise of recognised close-up magic and not cabaret or stage magic. The President, or in his/her absence the Chairman. or the Secretary will rule, if necessary, on the eligibility of any disputed effect.

**6./** The performance shall be for a **minimum duration of six minutes** and a **maximum of ten minutes**. A warning shall be given at nine minutes and a final signal shall be given at ten minutes at which point the performer shall be considered disqualified. The opinion of the official timekeeper shall be final and the timing will commence with the announcement of the competitor's name.

**7./** The competition shall be confined to paid up members of the Leicester Magic Circle.