

FAVE CONVENTION

MASTER CLOWN PERFORMANCE

I. Description:

- A. Individual performances will consist of one clown. The clown may be a White face, August, Hobo or Character.
- B. Clowns will be judged mainly on their theatrical ability in a performance which may last up to five minutes. Makeup and costume will be considered but will only consist of 20% of the total score.

II. Eligibility:

- A. Contestants must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in Article I, Page 1.
- B. Those who qualify as Master Clown are someone who earns a substantial portion of his/her income through clowning, certain active semi-professional clowns, those clowns whose experience or talents qualify them for this distinction or clowns who have won first place in Individual Performance within a two year period. If a question arises, the Competition Chair and the panel of judges will determine Master Clown status.

III. Awards:

- A. Awards will be presented for first, second and third place if contestants have acquired enough points to be eligible for an award.
- B. Points necessary will be determined by Judges and Competition committee.

IV. General Rules:

- A. The drawing for the performing order will take place before the competition begins.
- B. Contestants must perform in order according to the number drawn.
- C. All contestants will have one minute set up time and one minute clean up time; this includes the cleanup of any liquids left on the floor. If time limit exceeds one minute, 10 points will be deducted from the total score.
- D. Each contestant is responsible for his/her set up and clean up. Competition Chair must approve any props being stored on stage behind curtains. No assistance is allowed unless approved by Competition Chair.
- E. Performance time is limited to five minutes. Any contestant whose performance exceeds the five minute limit will be disqualified.

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- F. One minute before the time limit will expire (4 minutes into the skit) a whistle will blow to inform the performer of the one-minute time remaining. A second whistle will sound if the contestant has exceeded five minutes and is disqualified.
- G. All skits will be in good taste and in no way offensive. To ensure this, every performance must be approved in a private meeting with the competitor, the competition chair, the Sergeant at Arms and one board member. No judges will be present.
- H. Any act which causes injury to a spectator will be disqualified from the competition.
- I. A CD/MP3/IPOD player and operator will be provided by FAVE to play any CD/MP3/IPOD the contestant provides before the performance. The CD/MP3/IPOD must be present, clearly marked and ready to be played for the performance.

V. Judging:

- A. All contestants will be judged according to the score sheet as follows:
 - 1. Is the makeup well applied and well designed? (0 - 10 points)
 - 2. Are the costume and accessories consistent with the character? (0 - 10 points)
 - 3. Has the routine been well rehearsed and well presented with good timing and direction? (0 - 15 points).
 - 4. Does the routine have broad crowd appeal? (0 - 10 points).
 - 5. How well does the participant fit the character being portrayed? (0 - 10 points).
 - 6. Do accessories such as music, sound effects, scenery and props compliment the action of the routine? (0 - 10 points).
 - 7. Does the performance show originality? (0 - 15 points).
 - 8. What is your overall rating of the contestant? (0 - 20 points)
- B. Each contestant's score sheet will be available to him/her after the awards have been presented.