

# GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

## 2011 FISM NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS OF MAGIC

Thank you for considering competing at the North American Championship of Magic to be held during the S.A.M. Convention July 13-16, 2011 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This will be a most exciting event in the history of international magic competitions as it is the first such contest to be sanctioned by FISM in North America.

- Please *read and agree* to the General Terms and Conditions which follow these instructions and which will be understood by you to be an integral part of your application. You must *complete and sign* the Competition Application Form and *enclose your payment* of \$50.00 for each category in which you wish to compete before your application will be considered.
- You must *send one DVD of your act* to the Contest Coordinator. Your DVD must be of the complete performance you will compete with during the NACM, not an edited or promotional DVD. Your act must be no longer than 10 minutes and your performance will be disqualified if you go over.
- If you have previously won a Gold or Silver award from either the I.B.M. or S.A.M., or if you have been a First, Second or Third Place winner in any category at a prior FISM competition, you are exempt from submitting a DVD of that act. However, you must submit a DVD if it is a new act. In either case, you must complete the required application and submit the required fees and convention registration.
- There must be absolutely *no pyrotechnics*. Anyone not abiding by this rule will be immediately excused from the competition, will receive no refund of fees, and may be subject to prosecution by the fire marshal. **Flash paper, flash string and candles may possibly be used but will be subject to review on site by the fire marshal and could be disallowed.**
- Your DVD will be distributed to a preliminary judging committee who will decide the final acts for the competition. The DVD will be considered the property of the S.A.M. Convention and will not be returned.
- Competitors will be notified of acceptance on or about May 15, 2011. It is possible that some applications will be approved earlier depending on when their correctly completed applications, fees and DVD have been accepted by the Committee. If you are not selected, your paid application fee will be fully refunded. You will also have the option to cancel your registration(s) and receive a full refund minus a \$25.00 service charge

The top nine scoring acts from the Stage categories and top six scoring acts from the Close up categories shall be declared Winners provided they have reached the FISM minimum scoring level. They also shall be guaranteed a position to compete in the 2012 World Championship of Magic in Blackpool, England.