

## Amendment to Conditions of Entry 2019 (significant changes highlighted)

### 14. Stage dressing and props (read in conjunction with ACF: 1.1)

Her Majesty's Theatre has limitations in terms of space for storage of props and the added complexity of moving them from street level to stage level; RSSS request that Clubs keep the following in mind when planning their use of props and stage dressing.

#### DEFINITIONS

**Stage dressing:** props or scenery, modules, drums, ramps and platforms placed on the stage prior to commencement of the item.

**Hand held props:** small hand held items such as flags, swords, guns, stars, flowers, umbrellas, or items of a similar size/nature, including hand-held lengths of material stretched across the stage.

**Use of stage dressing at RSSS.** Please note changes ... stage dressing and hand held props WILL be permitted to be placed behind the back curtain, though must remain in front of the red line (ie. maintain a safe distance from the cyc screen).

#### Non-minimal rules

**Core items:** Stage dressing is NOT permitted, though hand held props are allowed. These may be placed during the item if required.

**Fancy items:** Stage dressing and hand held props all permitted.

**Minimal rules:** Stage dressing and hand held props all permitted.

Stage dressing must be set and competitors ready to commence on stage within 4 (four) minutes, after which time the item will be announced and will commence. Time starts when the previous item has finished, and their stage dressing and props have been removed. Stage dressing and props must be removed in a timely manner at the completion of the item. Delays will not be tolerated.

**Standard Steps** – In previous years CV and RSSS have both provided sets of tiered steps for use during the competitions however usage was minimal and storage space prohibitive. **RSSS no longer offers these steps but maintain that teams are not permitted to bring their own tiered steps, tiered ramps, tiered platforms or anything of a similar nature unless they fit as a whole within the dimensions outlined below. Should a team wish to arrange a shared arrangement with other teams in their division, consideration to allow the use of a larger or more bulky set of tiered steps or similar for that division will be considered. Please contact RSSS to discuss this option.**

**Dimensions:** stage dressing/props must not exceed 3 metres in height. Pre-assembled stage dressing whilst backstage must not exceed a footprint of 1.8m<sup>2</sup> and no part of the prop should protrude beyond that footprint. This rule will be strictly enforced. If any prop is outside these dimensions the club/school will be requested to dismantle it. Stage dressing that is assembled on stage (within time limits immediately prior to the performance of the item) is allowed to exceed these footprint dimensions whilst on the stage, but not when dismantled.

Please note: RSSS and HMT cannot guarantee space for every team equivalent to the footprint described above. RSSS and HMT reserve the right to limit the number of pieces of stage dressing back stage at any time.

- No items made of glass or ceramic are permitted on stage at any time.
- All stage dressing and props must be made to stand safely. If fitted with wheels, they must be able to be locked.
- Legs of flats must be hinged.
- Staples must not be used on the stage area when assembling stage dressing or props.

- If stage dressing is unstable, the stage manager has the right to request that they not be used for safety reasons.
- Persons other than registered team members are not permitted to hold stage dressing or props on stage.
- If using guns of any kind as props, they must NOT be or look authentic. If a reasonable person thinks it looks like a gun, it is a gun.
- Swords, knives etc. used as props must be blunt and preferably made of wood/plastic.
- Aerosol cans must not be used on stage.
- Octopus straps or similar items are not to be used on stage dressing or props.
- No talcum powder, resin or anything of a similar nature is to be used.
- No flown scenery may be used.
- No helium balloons allowed.