



SOMERSET COUNTY GUY FAWKES CARNIVALS ASSOCIATION

JUDGE'S GUIDANCE NOTES 2022 - Classes 1 to 6, Group 1,
Judging Categories: - Presentation/ General Effect and Music

Items to note

- Entries are permitted to break tableau/stop performing if the procession comes to a halt in excess of 2 minutes, points should not be deducted or the entry judged in these circumstances.
- Each category is judged out of 40 points please do use the range available, this will make your decisions easier once you have started.

Where should I judge?

- A zone will normally be allocated to you prior to the procession, please make use of your entire allocated space. Judging should **not** take place in any rest area or other areas as indicated by local judging instructions
- Judges are respectfully requested not to congregate in pairs or small groups and to try not to stand in front of the same people all night.
- Judges are asked to judge both sides of all entries in their class and recommend walking around the entry.

How do I judge these entries?

- **Presentation / General effect.** – This is the only category which is entirely your own subjective view and no real guidelines can be given. If an entry creates a greater impression or has a greater effect on you than the other entries, for whatever reason, then that entry is the one to which you should award the greatest points under this heading.
- **Music.** – This category should cover three key elements;
Music Quality- the clarity and quality of the sound system, points should be awarded for clean and crisp sound quality which does not cause discomfort and is loud enough to help the entry.
Music Appropriateness- points should be awarded for how well the piece of music fits the theme, higher points should be awarded for a piece of music that you would not necessarily associate with theme but fits perfectly, this shows that effort was made by the club to come up with new concepts and should be encouraged.
Atmosphere- a good choice of music will help create an atmosphere around the cart and help lift the entry and its participants, atmosphere can be noticed from the reaction from the crowd who will become more animated for a feature or simply cannot take their eyes off a Tableau and will applaud. A good test is if the entry can make you feel as though you have goose bumps, or makes the hair stand up on the back of your neck then it is definitely generating atmosphere.

How do I judge an entry when its lights have failed?

An attempt should be made to judge the above categories even if there has been a failure, or partial of the entry's lighting, street lighting allows you to view the entry and whilst the overall effect will be diminished it has not disappeared!

Music in many cases is still maintained as it is powered on a separate generator, this can still be judged.

If there is no music then the entry gets ZERO points.

How can I tell whether or not to judge a tractor or a generator?

The guideline is quite simple; judging should take place between the entries number to number.

These are normally visible on the front of the first decorated piece and to the rear of the last decorated section.

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