



BMF CONTEST RULES

Close-Up 2018

1) **GENERAL**

BMF contest rules shall apply to the Belgian Championship of Magic (BCM) organized by the Belgian Magic Federation (BMF).

The BCM will be held on Sunday, 7 October 2018 at CC het Bolwerk in Vilvoorde, Belgium.

2) **PARTICIPATION**

- Participation in the BCM is open to:
 - all members of an associated BMF club (BMF members), with permission of the President of this club if the latter is of the opinion that the candidate is worthy to take part in the competition.
 - non-members of the BMF, of Belgian or foreign nationality.
- A maximum number of 16 candidates may participate, 4 of which may be of foreign nationality.
- Coaching: every BMF member may call upon the BMF Coaching Team free of charge.
- Participants can register till 15 August 2018:
 1. By completing a BMF registration form, signing it via this link [BMF 2018 REGISTRATION COMPETITION CLOSE-UP](#)
 2. By sending a video fragment of the act to info@jean-paul.be. Discretion is guaranteed.
 3. By transferring the €40 registration fee to the following BMF bank account number:

BE 40 0017 5785 0063 GEBABEBB

BMF, De Frélaan 271, 1180 Brussels

Please mention "Registration BCM contest + your name"

- Each participant in the competition must submit a video fragment of his/her act to the BMF Coaching Team in advance. Each act must contain at least one magic effect. Participants are selected on the basis of these video clips.
- You can forward your video fragment via the Internet (WeTransfer) to Jean-Paul Mertens: info@jean-paul.be or deliver a DVD to Jean-Paul Mertens, Luingnestraat 105, 8511 – Kortrijk – Aalbeke

- Registered candidates will receive confirmation of their participation in the pre-selection tests. The BMF Coaching Team will review all entries and draw up a list of all participants in the competition. Priority shall be given to BMF members in the event of too many candidates.
- The BMF may, for any reason, refuse a prospective participant or subject his/her participation to conditions.
- The results of the pre-selection tests will be published on 20 August 2018. Only then will everyone know with certainty whether or not they can participate in the competition. If you are not selected, your registration fee will be refunded.
- The entry fee for the contest is €40, of which €20 euro will be refunded on the day of the contest. Participants who are not present on the day of the competition will lose their registration fees.
- Assistants on stage do not pay for access. All other employees, technicians or family members pay for an admission ticket. Pre-sale tickets can be obtained at an advantageous price via the BMF link [TICKETS CONVENTION](#)
- Tickets in presale cost € 35 for members and € 45 euros for non-members. Youngsters, members of the BMF, pay € 25 in advance. Youngsters, non-members, pay € 30. At the reception desk, BMF members pay € 40 and non-members pay € 50. Youngsters, BMF members, pay € 30 and youngsters, non-members, pay € 35.

3) **DISCIPLINES**

- In 2018, there will be only one discipline: **Close-Up**

4) **DURATION of the ACT**

- The magician must present an act of minimum 5 minutes and maximum 10 minutes long.
- The Chairman of the jury determines when an act begins and ends. For example, an act may begin when the music starts, when the magician appears on stage or when the curtains open.
- If the act exceeds the minimum or maximum time with more than one minute, the Chairman of the jury may disqualify the participant after consultation with the jury members.

5) **LIABILITY DAMAGE**

- Participants will be held responsible for any damage caused to third parties by them or their assistant(s) as a result of their participation in the competition.
- Participants cannot hold BMF responsible for any damage that they or their assistant(s) suffered during their participation in the competition, whatever the cause of the damage may be. They will also indemnify BMF against any third party liability, caused by them or their employee(s).
- Participants confirm to respect copyrights and deontological rules applicable in the performance of their act. They will not present an act, or part of it, belonging to another magician, even though, strictly speaking, no legal rights apply.

- BMF cannot be held responsible for copyrights on any act or part of it.
- An exception is made for the Sabam rights that apply to the music used. These rights will be paid for by the BMF for the duration of the contest.
- Magicians working with animals must treat these in a humane way.
- An act must not violate good manners and customs. In the event of infringement, the participant may be suspended.

6) **JURY**

- Each jury member will give a score on 100 points to each participant.
- They take into account: originality, entertainment value, technique, the extent to which an act surprises, music used, patter, clothing, etc.
- A jury consisting of at least 5 people (1 Chairman and 4 jury members) will award the prizes.
- The jury is appointed by the Board of the BMF.
- The Chairman of the jury shall monitor the jury discussions, watches over the contest rules and over the outcome of the competition.
- Indien er tijdens de wedstrijd door de juryleden wordt getwijfeld over de juiste uitleg van artikelen van het wedstrijdreglement, wordt de beslissing genomen door de voorzitter van de jury.
- Whenever situations arise which are not covered by the contest rules, the final decision will be taken by the Chairman of the jury.
- All jury members will be present at the awards ceremony.

7) **PRIZES**

The following prizes will be awarded:

- 1) **Grand Prix (at least 85 %)**. This prize can be won by any participant in any category provided he/she obtains at least 85%.

Prize: € 1000 + cup

- 2) **Belgian Champion of Close-up Magic**: this title goes to the participant of Belgian nationality with the highest marks (category of adults or youngsters). He must have obtained at least 80% of the points.

Prize: € 750 + cup

The participant who obtains the highest marks but less than 80% has a first prize but is not allowed to call himself Belgian Champion of Close-up Magic.

NB: a participant in the "Adults" category may win the Grand Prix if he/she is the highest-ranking candidate with at least 85%. This is accompanied by a cash prize of € 1000 euros. If this candidate is of Belgian nationality, he may also call himself "Belgian Champion of Close-up Magic".

- 3) **Junior Belgian Champion of Close-up Magic:** the participant of Belgian nationality who, on the day of the competition, has not yet reached the age of 18. The highest ranked youngster may call himself "Junior Belgian Champion of Close-up Magic" if he has obtained at least 80% and is therefore the highest ranked candidate in the youngsters category.

If the highest ranking youngster has not obtained 80% of the points, he will receive a cup and the cash prize of € 300, but he may not call himself "Junior Belgian Champion of Close-up Magic".

The winner of the junior competition may call himself "Belgian Champion of Close-up Magic" if he/she obtains at least 80% and has at the same time obtained the highest marks of all Belgian candidates, including the adults. If, however, there is a candidate in the category "Adults" who has obtained more points than the highest ranking youngster, this adult may call himself "Belgian Champion of Close-up Magic".

Prize: € 300 + cup

NB: a participant in the "Youngsters" category can win the Grand Prix if he/she is the highest-ranking candidate with at least 85%. This is accompanied by a cash prize of € 1000. If he is the highest-ranking candidate of all Belgian participants with at least 80% of the points, he obtains the title of "Belgian Champion of Close-up Magic". This is accompanied by a cash prize of € 750.

- 4) **The Best Foreign Participant** prize goes to the participant from abroad (with foreign passport/identity card) who obtains at least 80% and is therefore the highest-ranking candidate in the category "Foreign participants".

Prize: € 750 + cup

NB: A foreign participant may win the Grand Prix if he/she is the highest-ranking candidate with at least 85%. This is accompanied by a cash prize of € 1000.

- 5) No cumulation of cash prizes is possible in any of the categories.
- 6) In the case of an ex aequo in any category, the Chairman of the jury will decide on the winning candidate.
- 7) The jury also awards an **Encouragement Prize: € 200 + cup**
- 8) Depending on the sponsoring results, *additional prizes* might be awarded.
- 9) The Board of the BMF decides on the prize money. Prizes can be in cash or other (see 1/2/3/4).
- 10) If, after the award of the prizes, it appears that a participant has committed an infringement of the contest rules that was not known to the jury at the time of the

award ceremony, the BMF may declare an awarded prize or nomination null and void. If a prize is withdrawn, the money received can be reclaimed.

- 11) All participants will receive a certificate as proof of their participation in the competition.

8) **APPEAL AGAINST JUDGES DECISION**

- Appeal against the decisions of the jury, as well as those of the BMF, is possible for violation of the contest rules.
- Appeal should be submitted in writing to the Board of the BMF within 30 days after publication of the contest results.
- The Board of Directors of the BMF is the Appeal Body.
- After receiving the appeal, the Board of Directors shall examine all the facts and hear the prosecutor or the person who initiated the appeal.
- The Board of Directors has the right to interrogate other parties within the context of the appeal. These findings may influence the decision.
- Within a period of 60 days after receipt of the appeal, the Board of Directors will inform those concerned of their decision in writing.

The final decision of the Board of Directors is binding. Any further appeal is impossible.

BMF contest rules, revision of June 2018

www.belgianmagicfederation.be