

## NHC HGT RULES

1. Entry must be no more than 5 minutes in length to be considered for competition. Any entry that goes over 5 minutes beyond start of entry will be disqualified.
2. Restarts will be granted with the permission of the judges and Director of Entertainment. A restart means that the clock will be reset for the performance.
3. Preparation time is not considered a part of overall performance time, but must be communicated clearly to the Entertainment Staff.
4. Entries may be solo or ensemble.
5. Entrants are responsible for all props and effects necessary to perform the act. Any special needs/requests must be communicated to the Director of Entertainment. Basic lighting, sound amplification, and stage space will be provided. Music/effects playback will be provided but method must be arranged prior to performance. Convention Management is not responsible for any miscommunication between entries and Entertainment Staff.
6. Entries requiring use of pyrotechnics and/or live animals must be in accordance with NHC and Valley Forge Convention Center rules and insurance guidelines as well as approved by the Director of Entertainment.
7. All entries agree to the “hold harmless” clauses of both the venue and the convention and are solely responsible for their own health and well-being in regard to performance.
8. Preliminary entries are at the discretion of the Director of Entertainment, whose decision is final.
9. Once an act is approved, it must be presented as communicated to the Director of Entertainment. Entries may not change significantly in between approval and preliminary round OR preliminary round and final round. Enhancements and changes to an entry may occur as long as the spirit and integrity of the original act (as determined by the Director of Entertainment) are maintained.
10. Entries may be of any variety as long as approved for presentation in the preliminary round. Halloween/Haunted themed entries are not required, but will receive preference over non-themed entries if they are of suitable merit for presentation due to the overall theme of the convention and one of the award categories. Non-themed entries will not be eligible for the “Best Halloween Theme” category (see #11B).
11. Prize Categories:
  - A. Most Entertaining Overall (Judges’ Choice)
  - B. Best Halloween Theme (Convention Directors’/Designees’ Choice)
  - C. People’s Choice (ballot of audience in attendance for entire final show)
12. Finalists who receive an award in one category may be considered for either of the two other categories provided that they fulfill all qualifications.
13. Decision of the Judges/Directors is final. Master of Ceremonies will have the tie-breaking vote in the event of a tie during People’s Choice balloting.
14. Entries may not be or have been designated as “Talent” booked for the NHC/EHC in a current or any previous year.