
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 481

**Children (Public Performances)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

Part V

Performances other than broadcast or recorded performances

Licences to which Part V applies

22. The restrictions and conditions specified in this Part shall apply in the case of every licence authorising a child to take part in a performance other than a broadcast performance or a performance to be recorded (by whatever means) with a view to its use in a broadcast or in a film intended for public exhibition.

Maximum number of days in a week on which a child may take part in performances and rehearsals

23.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2), a child shall not take part in performances or rehearsals to which this Part applies on more than six consecutive days.

(2) Where in any period of seven days a child takes part in performances or rehearsals to some of which this Part applies and to others of which Part VI applies, he shall not take part in such performances or rehearsals on more than five days in that period.

Maximum number and length of performances and rehearsals daily

24.—(1) A child shall not take part in a performance or rehearsal the duration of which exceeds three and a half hours.

(2) A child shall not take part in a performance or rehearsal if the duration of his appearances in the performance or rehearsal exceeds two and a half hours.

(3) A child shall not take part in more than one performance or rehearsal on any day unless he performs the same part in the performances or rehearsals, except where he takes the place of another performer in the same performance, and the performances or rehearsals are of the same nature.

(4) On any day on which a child is required to attend school after the morning session he shall not take part in more than one performance or rehearsal.

(5) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3), a child on any other day shall not take part in more than two performances or rehearsals or more than one performance and one rehearsal.

(a) (6) (a) Subject to sub-paragraph (b), a child shall not take part in more than one performance or rehearsal on any day unless there is an interval of not less than one and a half hours between the end of his part in the first performance or rehearsal and the beginning of his part in the second performance or rehearsal.

- (b) On not more than two days in any week a child may take part in more than one performance or rehearsal on any day if—
 - (i) there is an interval of not less than forty-five minutes between the end of his part in the first performance or rehearsal and the beginning of his part in the second performance or rehearsal; and
 - (ii) he is not present at the place of performance or rehearsal on such a day for more than six hours.

(7) Notwithstanding paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) and subject to paragraph (3), where a child takes part in a performance in a circus—

- (a) on any day on which he is required to attend school after the morning session he may take part in not more than two performances or rehearsals or not more than one performance and one rehearsal;
- (b) on any other day he may take part in not more than three performances or rehearsals:

Provided that—

- (i) he shall not take part in more than one performance or rehearsal unless there is an interval of not less than one and a half hours between the end of his part in one performance or rehearsal and the beginning of his part in the next performance or rehearsal, and
- (ii) the duration of his appearance in a performance or rehearsal does not exceed thirty minutes.

Earliest and latest hours at place of performance and place of rehearsal

25.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a child shall not be present at a place of performance or rehearsal after whichever is the earlier of the two following times:—

- (a) ten in the evening, if he is under thirteen years, or half-past ten if he is thirteen years or over;
- (b) thirty minutes after the end of his part in the performance or rehearsal or the last performance or rehearsal.

(2) If in order to enable a child to take part in a performance the child's presence at the place of performance is required after the latest permitted time specified in paragraph (1), he may be present at the place of performance not later than eleven in the evening on not more than three evenings in a week, provided that he is not so present on more than eight evenings in a period of four consecutive weeks.

(3) A child shall not be present at a place of performance or rehearsal before ten in the morning, and on the day immediately following a day on which a child has taken part in a performance or rehearsal he shall not take part in a performance or rehearsal until after the expiration of not less than fourteen hours from the end of his part in the performance or rehearsal in which he last performed on the preceding day.

(4) This regulation shall not apply with respect to a place of performance or rehearsal where the child lives or receives education in that place.