
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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

Part V

Performances other than broadcast or recorded performances

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—

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- (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.