



Performance Restrictions and Licensing Policy

Spixworth Amateur Players (SAPs)

1. Purpose

This policy ensures that all SAPs performances comply with legal licensing requirements, safeguarding obligations, and venue restrictions. It protects our members, audiences, and the reputation of the society.

2. Licensing Requirements

- SAPs will obtain all necessary performance licences for productions.
- Copyrighted material will only be performed with the appropriate licence or permission.
- Music, scripts, and recordings must be used in line with licensing agreements.
- The committee is responsible for ensuring licences are applied for and displayed when required.

3. Child Performance Licensing

- Where productions involve children of compulsory school age, SAPs will comply with local authority requirements.
- This may include applying for a Body of Persons Approval (BOPA) or individual child performance licences.
- Licensed chaperones will be appointed to supervise children during rehearsals and performances.
- Parents/guardians must provide required information and permissions before children can take part.

4. Venue Restrictions

- SAPs will comply with all venue rules, including:
 - Fire safety and emergency procedures.
 - Maximum audience capacity.
 - Restrictions on food, drink, or smoking.

- Parking and access rules (see Car Park and Venue Access Policy).
- Members and audiences must respect venue staff and follow instructions at all times.

5. Performance Restrictions

- Performances must not include material that is defamatory, discriminatory, or likely to bring SAPs into disrepute.
- Props, costumes, and staging must comply with safety standards.
- Use of special effects (e.g., smoke, strobe lighting, pyrotechnics) must be risk-assessed and approved in advance.
- Alcohol or drug use by cast or crew during rehearsals or performances is strictly prohibited.

6. Responsibilities

- The Committee is responsible for ensuring compliance with licensing and restrictions.
- The Director and Stage Manager must ensure all cast and crew follow this policy during rehearsals and performances.
- Any breaches will be investigated by the committee.

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