

Rules of the Louth Male Voice Choir [LMVC] Weekly Draw

1. It having been resolved that -
 - A] the erstwhile raffle arrangements be discontinued and
 - B] a new form of lottery be createdit is necessary to draw up a set of rules whereby the said lottery shall be governed.
2. The new lottery shall be known as ‘The Louth Male Voice Choir Weekly Draw’ - referred to hereafter as ‘the draw’
3. Each Choir member entitled [see 9 below] to participate in the draw shall be allocated a draw number
4. Each draw number shall be replicated upon a numbered plastic ball of the ‘bingo’ variety; the total number thereof being retained in a suitable bag.
5. One ball will be withdrawn from the bag [see 4 above]. Subject to paragraph 9 below, the member whose draw number coincides with the number on the ball thus withdrawn shall be held to be the winner of the draw.
6. Any draw is to be made during an LMVC rehearsal and not otherwise. It is to be made in a manner and a place whereby it can be observed by any Choir member present.
7. A cash prize of £10 shall be awarded to the winner of the draw [see 5 above] . The prize shall be paid out of general choir funds
8. Supervision of the draw procedure, safe custody of the numbered balls, nomination of a person to make the draw, and provision of the cash prize shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer of LMVC. Should he intend to be absent from a rehearsal it is his responsibility to arrange for a suitable substitute to be chosen from the choir members. If exceptionally this procedure breaks down, the Chairman or any Committee member shall assume the responsibility.
9. A member, other than a newly joining member [see 11 below] qualifies for participation in the draw by virtue of:
 - a] he being present on the occasion of the draw
 - b] he having paid the subscription to LMVC for the financial year [12 months ending 31 August] during which the draw takes place.

Provided that a member shall not be disqualified from participating solely because his subscription remains unpaid on or before the 31 December falling in the said financial year.

10. A member who retires or otherwise leaves LMVC during a financial year shall cease to be entitled to participate in any draw.

11. A newly joining member, having paid the annual subscription shall be allocated a draw number, to be decided by the Treasurer.

12 The draw number of a member who, having left the Choir, ceases to be eligible to participate [see 10 above] will be made available for issue to a new member and until such time the correspondingly numbered ball shall be withdrawn from the bag.

13. Any member who does not wish to participate in the draw may so notify the Treasurer who will then proceed as in 12 above.

14 Any question or dispute arising from interpretation of the above rules or otherwise in connection with the draw, shall be referred in the first instance to the Treasurer who will aim to answer and/or resolve the matter. If unable to do so he will refer the issue to the Committee of the Choir for a decision, which will then prevail.

15 With effect from commencement of the financial year ending 31 August 2019 draw prizes are to be recorded as such in the LMVC ledger and not 'netted off' against choir income.

16 A copy of these rules shall be displayed on the LMVC website and in the choir rehearsal room.

17. A copy of the names of members and the corresponding draw numbers shall be posted on the LMVC website and in the choir rehearsal room.

18. The Treasurer is responsible for ensuring the rules and lists referred to at 16 and 17 above is kept up to date.