



MARVIN "JOE" CURRY VETERANS POWWOW CONTEST RULES

1. Contestants can register in up to three classifications: singer/drum, a powwow and/or a smoke dance age-appropriate categories. No Moving up or down age groups.
2. All contestants (5 yrs. +) must show proof of nation membership and/or age if requested at registration and/or by arena staff.
3. Contestant number must always be displayed on dancer's left side and easily visible to judges.
4. Dancers are expected to participate in all Grand Entries.
5. A point system is in effect as of the first Grand Entry on Saturday.
6. Dancers/Drummers singing in Grand Entry MUST report their number to a tabulator PRIOR TO the start of Grand Entry.
7. Contestants are expected to be ready when their category contest is called.
8. Should any major article fall off a dancer, said participant, should excuse themselves for that session only. Examples of a major article are: eagle feathers, beaded hair ties, leggings, etc. Exceptions include: single earrings, parts of ribbons, single jingle cones, etc.
9. Be aware there is always the possibility of a tie in a contest category. Dancers who tie will be called to the arena three times; after that, the tie breaker contest will be held.
10. Dancers are expected to be in full regalia appropriate for the registered category for all Grand Entries, contests, exhibitions and spot checks.
11. Dancers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal drugs will be disqualified from ALL participation in the powwow, without refund. The Veteran's Park is also designated as a drug and smoke-free zone, and subject to fine.
12. The use of whistles during contest sessions will not be allowed.
13. In a fair contest, contestants are not to be related to a judge by blood, marriage, or adoption. Failure on the part of the contestant to inform the Head Judge or Arena Director of a familial relationship to a judge will result in disqualification for that session.
14. Any dispute regarding a contest must be brought to the attention of the Head Judge prior to the conclusion of the session. Any disputes that cannot be resolved through the Head Judge will be directed to an ad hoc committee consisting of ALL Head Judges, the Arena Director, and Powwow Committee Arena Coordinator. Decisions of the ad hoc committee are final. If a final solution cannot be reached, the ad hoc committee is required to contact the Powwow Dispute Resolution Committee. Thereafter, all decisions of the Powwow Dispute Resolution Committee are FINAL.
15. Registered dancers who are royalty are not to wear or exhibit banners, crowns, or other items of royalty during contests.
16. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD & NO DRINKS WITH COLOR PERMITTED ANYWHERE ON THE FIELD. WATER OR CLEAR LIQUIDS ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD. PLEASE RESPECT THE GROUNDS AND CLEAN UP YOUR AREAS.
17. All dancers are expected to display good sportsmanship and be respectful of one another and arena staff. Conduct deemed inappropriate can result in disqualification.
18. Dance contest winners must have their contestant number in order to collect prize money. No exceptions!
19. Honorarium/day money for Tiny Tots will be distributed immediately following the tiny tot exhibition. Tiny tots not present for distribution forfeit honorarium/day money.
20. The Seneca Nation of Indians, the powwow committee and the sponsors of the event are not liable for accidents, damages, injuries, lost or stolen articles, or hardships.
21. Enjoy the good songs, dance hard, and good luck!