



2014 Marvin "Joe" Curry Veterans Pow Wow

DRUM CONTEST RULES

1. Keep drum area clean at all times.
2. All groups must register **no less than five (5) singers**, not including women backup singers, to participate in the contest.
3. All **women backup singers** must be registered with the group and participate in all contest songs.
4. A **point system** is in effect as of the **first drum roll call** before the first grand entry on Friday. Roll call will be 15 minutes before each Grand Entry. All registered singers must be present to receive points.
 - Fifty (50) points for Roll Call
 - Five (5) points off for each singer missing
 - Zero (0) points if caught with subs.
5. The **lead singer** is responsible for the registration of all drum group members and for the behavior of the drum group.
6. All registered singers must be at their drums for drum roll calls. Be ready to sing when called upon. One push-up is required for all drum roll calls. No Subs.
7. Absolutely no drum hopping and no substitute singers for drum roll call, intertribals, or contests.
8. Drums will be judged during intertribals and contests.
9. Drums will be judged on singing of appropriate songs for the contest category, number of leads, i.e. different singers, timing, unison.
10. The use of **whistles** during contest sessions will not be allowed.
11. In a **fair contest**, a drum judge cannot be related by blood, marriage, or adoption to any registered member of the drum group. Failure on the part of the drum group to inform the head judge or arena director of a familial relationship to a judge will result in disqualification for that session.
12. Any **dispute** regarding the drum contest must be brought to the attention of the Head Drum Judge **prior to conclusion** of the judging round. Any dispute that cannot be resolved through the Head Drum Judge will be directed to an ad hoc committee consisting of the Head Drum Judge, Arena Director and Committee Arena Coordinator. Decisions of the ad hoc committee are final. If a final solution cannot be reached by the ad hoc committee, the ad hoc committee is required to contact the Pow Wow Committee Coordinator. Thereafter, all decisions of the Pow Wow Committee are FINAL.
13. Suspicion of a singer or singers being under the influence of **alcohol and/or illegal drugs** will result in disqualification of the entire drum group from the contest and removal from the pow wow grounds. The pow wow circle is designated as a **smoke-free zone** therefore smoking is not allowed.
14. All singers are expected to display good **sportsmanship** and be **respectful** of one another and arena staff. Conduct deemed inappropriate can result in disqualification.
15. Respect other drums by not hitting your drum while another group is singing, you may lose points.
16. The Pow Wow Committee, nor any associated sponsors and or affiliates of the event are not liable for accidents, damages, injuries, hardships or lost/stolen article.
17. Keep those dancers dancing, sing hard, and good luck!

Judge Ballot sample:	All singers Present/On Time	N) 5	Y) 25		
	Drum Area Clean	N) 5	Y) 25		
	Lead: Clearness	5	10	15	20 25
	Second	5	10	15	20 25
	Harmony	5	10	15	20 25
	Drum Beat/Rhythm/ Everyone hitting drum	5	10	15	20 25
	OVERALL	5	10	15	20 25



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DRUM REGISTRATION FORM

DRUM GROUP NAME: _____ **From (City/State):** _____

**Registration fee is \$10 per singer regardless if the singer is a dancer or not.
A minimum of 5 drummers per group.**

SINGERS:

	<i>NAME</i>	<i>MAILING ADDRESS</i>	<i>TRIBAL AFFILIATION</i>
LEAD			
2			
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If you need more group members please fill out and attach another page.

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Furthermore, by signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the Dance Contest Rules and agree to adhere to them, including waiving the right to challenge or dispute all judges' final decisions and the acknowledgement that this is a drug/alcohol/smoke free zone. I understand that the Pow Wow Committee, the Seneca Nation of Indians, the Seneca Casinos, the City of Salamanca or any sponsors of the event are not liable for accidents, damages, injuries, lost or stolen articles.

Lead Singer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____