

Marvin Joe Curry Veteran's PowWow

July 20-22, 2018 * Salamanca, NY

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Dance Contest Rules

1. Dancers register in only **one age appropriate category** and once registered cannot change categories. No Moving up or down.
2. All dance 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 be displayed on dancer's left side and easily visible to judges at all times.
4. Dancers are expected to participate in all **Grand Entries**.
5. A **point system** is in effect as of the first Grand Entry on Friday.
6. Dancers/Drummers singing in Grand Entry **MUST** report their number to a number taker **PRIOR TO** the start of Grand Entry.
7. Dancers 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 designated as a **smoke-free zone**, therefore smoking is prohibited and subject to fine.
12. The use of **whistles** during contest sessions will not be allowed.
13. In a **fair contest**, dancers are not to be related to a dance judge by blood, marriage, or adoption. Failure on the part of the dancer 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 dance 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 both 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 by the ad hoc committee, the ad hoc committee is required to contact the PowWow Committee chairperson. Thereafter, all decisions of the PowWow 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. All dancers are expected to display good **sportsmanship** and be **respectful** of one another and arena staff. Conduct deemed inappropriate can result in disqualification.
17. Dance contest winners must have their contestant number in order to collect **prize money**. No exceptions!
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. Enjoy the good songs, dance hard, and good luck!