



# 2018 Marvin "Joe" Curry Veterans PowWow

## DRUM CONTEST RULES

1. All groups must register **no less than five (5) singers**, not including women backup singers, to participate in the contest.
2. All **women backup singers** must be registered with the group and participate in all contest songs.
3. 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.
4. Dancers/Drummers singing in Grand Entry **MUST** report their Dance number to a number taker at Grand Entry Area **PRIOR TO** the start of Grand Entry.
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 PowWow Committee Coordinator. Thereafter, all decisions of the PowWow 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 powwow grounds. The powwow grounds 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 PowWow 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!

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