



# 2014 Marvin "Joe" Curry Veterans Pow Wow

## DANCE CONTEST RULES

1. No Moving up or down or you may be disqualified.
2. Dancers may register for one pow wow style AND Smoke Dance competition. You must fill out and pay for separate registration forms if you do.
3. All dance contestants (5 yrs. +) must show proof of **tribal membership and/or age** as requested by Committee and/or arena staff.
4. **Contestant number** must be displayed on dancer's left side and easily visible to judges at all times. Contestant number must be in sheet protector provided at registration.
5. A **point system** is in effect as of the first Grand Entry on Friday.
6. Dancers are expected to be in **full regalia** appropriate for the registered category for all Grand Entries, contests, exhibitions and spot checks.
7. Dancers are expected to be ready when their category contest is called.
8. Should any major article fall off the dancer should excuse them self for that dance only.
9. The use of **whistles** during contest sessions will not be allowed.
10. 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.
11. Registered dancers who are **royalty** are not to wear or exhibit banners, crowns, other items of royalty during contests.
12. All dancers are expected to display good **sportsmanship** and be **respectful** of one another and arena staff. Conduct deemed inappropriate can result in disqualification.
13. 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 Pow Wow 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 chairperson. Thereafter, all decisions of the Pow Wow Committee are FINAL.
14. 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.
15. Dancers suspected of being under the influence of **alcohol and/or illegal drugs** will be disqualified from all participation in the pow wow circle. The pow wow circle is designated as a **smoke-free zone** therefore smoking is not allowed.
16. Contest winners must have their contestant number in order to collect **prize money**. No exceptions!
17. 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.
18. 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 articles.
19. Enjoy the good songs, dance hard, and good luck!

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grand Entry (each day)</b>	<b>50 points</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Entry:</b>	<b>25 points</b>
<b>Spot Checks:</b>	<b>10 points</b>
<b>Exhibition:</b>	<b>15 points</b>



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## Dance Contestant Registration Form

**ALL AGES - No Moving up or down**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: US Canada Other

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**SELECT DANCE CATEGORY:** One registration form for EACH category. Each person is allowed to register in ONE pow wow category AND Smoke dance.

TINY TOT (0-4)

**YOUTH BOYS (5-12)**

- Traditional
- Fancy
- Grass
- SMOKE

**TEEN BOYS (13-17)**

- Traditional
- Fancy
- Grass
- SMOKE

**ADULT MEN (18-49)**

- Traditional
- Fancy
- Grass
- SMOKE (18-34)
- SMOKE (35-49)

**GOLDEN AGE MEN (50+)**

- Combined
- SMOKE

**YOUTH GIRLS (5-12)**

- Traditional
- Fancy
- Jingle
- SMOKE

**TEEN GIRLS (13-17)**

- Traditional
- Fancy
- Jingle
- SMOKE

**ADULT WOMEN (18-49)**

- Traditional
- Fancy
- Jingle
- SMOKE (18-34)
- SMOKE (35-49)

**GOLDEN AGE WOMEN (50+)**

- Combined
- SMOKE

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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 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 Allegany Casino, the City of Salamanca or any sponsors of the event are not liable for accidents, damages, injuries, lost or stolen articles.**

**Contestant:**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian for contestants 17 years or under:**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print \_\_\_\_\_

**For Pow Wow Staff Use Only**

Intake Initials:	Payment Received:	Contestant Number Assigned:
Tribal ID #:		