

8th Annual Cornell Powwow

April 14, 2007

SMOKE DANCE COMPETITION RULES

1. There is no smoking inside Barton Hall.
2. Smoke Dance Registration closes at 12 Noon.
3. Competition dancers need to have proof of Nation/Tribal Affiliation and DOB at time of registration.
4. Dancers must be in complete regalia and ready for Grand Entry @ 12pm and 7pm. Points will not be given to competition dancers who are out of category in Grand Entry.
5. Dancers must register and dance in own age group or will be disqualified (no dancing up or down an age category). The Powwow Committee has the right to ask for I.D. with DOB if desired.
6. Dancers will be judged on:
 - a) Wearing complete and proper Haudenosaunee attire.
 - b) Knowledge of Smoke Dance songs as seen with their dance steps/beat/moves/posturing
 - c) Ability to distinguish between Male and Female Smoke Dancing.
 - Male Categories: Slow war dance styles in addition to Medium & Fast paced songs.
 - Female Categories: Women's Dance, Medium & Fast paced Smoke Dance songs
7. Tiny Tots is exhibition only and each participant will be given a prize after their dance session.
8. Dancers must dance in registered contest category or will be disqualified.
9. Dancers cannot share, transfer or give their registered number to another dancer to compete in the contest; doing so is an automatic disqualification.
10. Each category will receive at least two competition songs. Head Judge will have the right to request additional songs for particular categories if desired by Competition Judges.
11. For large categories, dancers will be split into 2 groups at the discretion of the Head Judge & Competition Judges.

12. If a dancer drops a major part of his/her outfit during competition, that dancer will be disqualified for that competition song only. (Examples: clothing/accessory items drop to ground, feather drops from head piece, etc).
13. Dancers are encouraged to dance in Powwow Inter-tribals and Haudenosaunee Social Dancing.
14. Random point checks will be conducted throughout Inter-tribals and Haudenosaunee Social Dancing. Dancers not present during random checks will not receive points.
15. There will be no alcohol or drugs allowed on Powwow premises. If a dancer has been using or is in the possession of alcohol or drugs he/she will be disqualified from competition and asked to leave premises.
16. Questions or concerns regarding the Smoke Dance Competition should be directed to the Head Judge and/or Powwow Committee.

The Cornell Powwow Committee, Cornell University American Indian Program, Native American Students At Cornell Student Organization (NASAC) and Cornell University will not be responsible for any accidents, damages, injuries, thefts, and/or travel expenses that may occur during the 6th Annual Cornell Powwow.