

Individual Dance Competition

Any number of Contestants from each lodge may participate in the Individual Dance Competitions. The top ten dancers in each category will be invited to dance in the American Indian Show on Wednesday, August 1, 2018. During the show the top five (5) dancers in each category will be recognized with awards. Participation in this show will require that the Arrowman attend a one (1) hour walk through at a time to be announced.

All contestants must check-in and receive their number at the American Indian Activities office. This will take place Monday, July 30, 2018, during lodge check-ins.

If you have a question about the Old Time vs. Contemporary Northern Traditional categories please bring a picture of your dance clothes to check-in and one of the Judges will advise you in which category you should compete.

There will be a meeting of judges and all contestants 30 minutes after the Opening Arena Show Monday, July 30, 2018. Location: TBD.

Guidelines

1. There are five (6) categories of Individual Indian Dance competition:
 - a. Fancy Feather
 - b. Grass
 - c. Straight
 - d. Old Time Sioux
 - e. Contemporary Northern Traditional
 - f. Prairie Chicken
2. Dancers must wear appropriate authentic clothing. The judges are the final authority of what constitutes appropriate authentic clothing.
3. Dancers must dance in the style of their clothing. In Preliminary competition, if you are eliminated in one dance style, you may change dance clothes and dance in another style, if scheduling time permits. **You must be registered in both styles.** Dancers may not compete in the finals in more than one category.
4. Losing a major article off your dance clothes during the contest may lead to disqualification at the judges' discretion. Arrowmen should not self-disqualify for any reason unless they are physically unable to continue dancing. The judges are the final authority of what constitutes a major article. Having your clothes properly maintained and secured tightly eliminates this problem. [Note: During Individual Dance Competition, a Dancer Emergency Repair Team (DERT) may be available to assist in minor repairs of your dance clothes.]
5. All dancers must be under the age of twenty-one (21), and be a registered conference participant at the time of competition.
6. Dancers must be prepared to compete either indoors or outdoors.
7. All participants must display the contestant number they were issued at check-in, so that the judges can read it. The number is to be attached to the front of the dance clothes.

8. Overstepping a song may result in placement being lowered.
9. No part of any protected species may be worn in any manner. Violation of this rule will result in automatic disqualification. Please be aware of all state and federal laws regarding protected species.
10. Within the guideline found in the U.S. Code as to the American Flag, flags are not to be used as wearing apparel. Therefore, no type of U.S. flag(s) will be permitted as part of a dancers dance clothes. Flag motifs in beadwork and quillwork are acceptable.
11. National Order of the Arrow Face Paint Policy. Order of the Arrow National Conference and activities conducted beyond the individual lodge will not permit face paint, body paint, or wigs to be used in social or competition dancing or in ceremonies or ceremonies competition.
12. The Boy Scouts of America policy regarding firearms and knives, as stated in the *Guide to Safe Scouting* will be followed. While we are guests at a university campus, we will abide by the campus policy regarding weapons.
13. The judges will determine the judging criteria and all decisions are final. The Head Dance Judge will have final determination of any judging result or discrepancy and will field any concerns or complaints.

Please Note:

All dancers are encouraged to participate in the coaching of their American Indian clothes. This will take place immediately after the dance competition. The importance of this to the Arrowmen is that this is where AIA staff members meet you and start to consider selections for Youth staffs for Indian Village at the National Jamborees, National Indian Seminars, and future NOACs. There will be no competition for individual skill dancers. (Hoop, horsetail, etc.)

All dancers are invited to The Conference Festival Powwow on Friday, August 3, 2018.

NOAC 2018 Individual Dance Competition Schedule

- Tuesday, July 31, 2018, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Contemporary Traditional, Old Time Sioux, Grass and Prairie Chicken Dance
- Tuesday July 31, 2018 1:30 pm- 5:00 pm
Fancy Feather and Straight Dance

Please contact Darrell W. Donahue, the 2018 NOAC AIA Competitions Manager with any questions (Woodley.dd@gmail.com, 517-755-8910).