

# **NOAC 2009 – American Indian Activities**

## **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 Activities Arena Show on Monday, August 3, 2009. 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.

No dance practicing or outfit construction should take place after a contestant arrives at the conference.

All contestants must check-in and receive their number at the American Indian Activities Booth. This will take place Saturday, August 1, 2009 at the Contingent registration site.

If you have a question about the Old Time vs. Contemporary Northern Traditional categories please bring a picture of your outfit to check-in and one of the Judges will advise you in which category you should compete. Remember not only is the outfitting different so is the style of dance.

There will be a meeting of judges and all contestants one-half hour after the Opening Arena Show Saturday, August 1, 2009 at a location to be announced at check-in.

## **Guidelines**

1. All contestants must check-in when they arrive at the conference at the American Indian Activities Booth Saturday, August 1, 2009 at the Contingent registration site.
2. There will be five (5) categories of Individual Indian Dance competition:
  - a. Fancy Feather
  - b. Grass
  - c. Straight
  - d. Old Time Sioux
  - e. Contemporary Northern Traditional
3. Dancers must wear appropriate authentic clothing. The judges are the final authority of what constitutes appropriate authentic clothing.
4. Dancers must dance in the style of their clothing. In Preliminary competition, if you are eliminated in one dance style, you may change outfits 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.
5. Losing a major article off your outfit during the contest means automatic disqualification. The judges are the final authority of what constitutes a major article. Having your outfit properly maintained and secured tightly eliminates this problem.
6. All dancers must be under the age of twenty-one (21), and be a registered conference participant.
7. Dancers must be prepared to compete either indoors or outdoors.
8. 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 outfit.
9. Overstepping a song will result in placement being lowered.
10. 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.
11. 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 outfit. Flag motifs in beadwork and quillwork are acceptable.

12. 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.
13. 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. Indiana University has the following policy on weapons:

Weapons

Unauthorized firearms, weapons, ammunition, explosives, and other items that the Campus Police consider to be dangerous are prohibited on university property. This policy includes activities such as introducing, possessing, using, buying or selling firearms. Even if you have a valid state permit to carry the firearm, you are not authorized to carry the firearm on university property. Only law enforcement officers and other who have prior approval for the IUPUI Police Chief are authorized to carry a firearm on campus.

14. The judges will determine the judging criteria and all decisions are final.

Please Note:

All dancers are required to participate in the critique 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 Founders Day Powwow on Wednesday August 5, 2009.

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