

# NOAC 2012 Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Competition Details

## Introduction

The competition will begin April 1, 2012, via an online video submission process, which closes July 1, 2012. The detailed competition guidelines are below. The competition guidelines must be strictly adhered to by all competition teams. The top-ten teams will be selected from the submitted videos.

**All competition teams must also participate in Evaluations of their pre-Ordeal Ceremony.** A team that does not participate in pre-Ordeal Evaluations will be disqualified from the Competition. After all pre-Ordeal Evaluations have been completed, the top ten teams will be notified of their "National Finalist" status and will be invited to compete for "National Champion" during a live competition to take place Wednesday at NOAC.

When participating in the top ten live competition on Wednesday, your team will perform in front of a panel of seven (7) NOAC Competition Judges. Competition sessions will last approximately thirty (30) minutes. The team and any spectator youth or adults from the same lodge must arrive at least ten (10) minutes prior to the teams allotted time. No spectators beyond the Competition Judges and members of the same lodge as the competing team are permitted. Competition teams may not view other team's presentations. No feedback will be given by the Competition Judges.

Audio and videotaping equipment will be permitted in the venue. We encourage you to bring your own audio or videotaping equipment to NOAC so that you can record your team's performance for future review back home. You will not be permitted to record other teams' performances. Please safeguard any tapes of your performances as if they were ceremony publications.

## Competition Guidelines

### I. Video Submissions

- A) Ceremonial teams may submit a video of their pre-Ordeal Ceremony.
- B) Limit of one (1) video submission per Lodge.
- C) Video submissions must begin with either a text or verbal statement of the team's: Council name; Council number; Lodge name; and members' names and their respective principals' names.
- D) Video submissions must display a full view of the entire ceremony team - unedited - and without any zooming, panning, or trucking. The video must show the full body (feet to above head hand gestures) of the forward speaker at all times.
- E) The timestamp of the video must be displayed onscreen the entire length of the video so the judges can be sure they are reviewing an unaltered ceremony. The ICE Committee reserves the right to reject a video suspected of editing.
- F) Teams are encouraged to utilize stage, boom, or personal microphones to improve audio quality. Teams will not be penalized for having microphones visible on screen, providing that it does not physically interfere with the presentation.
- G) The video must display the full ceremony per the current published documents:
  - i) pre-Ordeal must begin with the investing, and end with the principals returning their items to the fire lay.
- H) Full ceremonial ring setup and usage is encouraged but not required. Additionally, teams will not be penalized for filming indoors, provided that the team maintains correct ring positioning and spacing.
- I) Video submissions must be in either .mpeg or .avi format.
- J) Video submissions may begin on **April 1, 2012**, and are due no later than **July 1, 2012**.
- K) At the time of video submission, you must also provide the team's following information: Council name; Council number; Lodge name; members' names corresponding to their respective principals' names; members' email addresses; team adviser's name; team

- adviser's email address; and team advisor's phone number.
- L) To submit your team's video go to: <http://bsaweb.org/>

## **II. Additional Information and Requirements**

- A) The Top Ten National Finalists will not be notified of their placement until after all pre-Ordeal Evaluations are completed at NOAC. After all pre-Ordeal Evaluations are completed, the Top Ten National Finalists will be posted in the ICE office Tuesday evening.
- B) The Top Ten may compete in the live final competition for the selection of "National Champion."
- C) To be eligible to compete in the live final competition, a Top Ten team must:
- i) Sign-up and present themselves during NOAC for a separate pre-Ordeal Evaluation, with the same team members performing on their video; and
  - ii) After evaluations, present themselves during **Wednesday** of NOAC for the live final competition with the same team members performing on their video.

If any Top Ten team(s) fail(s) to comply with either II(C)(i) or (ii), they will remain a National Finalist but are not eligible to be National Champion.

## **III. Training Component And Talent Release**

- A) The ICE Committee, at its sole discretion, will select:
- i) complete ceremony videos; and/or
  - ii) individual principal(s) from a video,
- to be used as examples of ceremonies which the ICE Committee believes should be made available to all Lodges as a training resource.
- B) By submitting a competition video, all participants depicted therein, and their legal guardian where applicable, will be deemed to consent to the following talent release:

**Talent Release** - By participating in the NOAC 2012 ICE Pre-Ordeal Ceremonial Competition, the participant, and the participant's legal guardian when the participant is a minor, grants the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow Lodge - and their officers, employees, agents, licensees, representatives, or assigns - permission and consent, to copyright, use, publish, exhibit, display, broadcast, or otherwise disseminate via any medium: film, video, kinescope, audio, still pictures, slides, or any other type of recording, which includes the participant's name, voice, and/or image or likeness. The participant and/or legal guardian waives any and all rights to inspection or approval of the final product. The participant and/or legal guardian waives any all rights to remuneration for uses consistent with this waiver. The participant and/or legal guardian further releases Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow Lodge - and their officers, employees, agents, licensees, representatives, or assigns - from any liability arising out of uses consistent with this waiver, including but not limited to claims of misrepresentation or false light. Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow Lodge warrants they shall conduct all uses in manners consistent with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.

## **Questions**

Any questions seeking clarification of the competitions procedures should be directed to Competitions Chief Jim Prowse and Competitions Advisor Bradley Ellis at: [ceremonycompetitions@oa-bsa.org](mailto:ceremonycompetitions@oa-bsa.org).