

RULES AND REGULATIONS

NOTES:

Applications for team and individual ceremonial costume competition must be postmarked no later than June 25, 2012.

The panel of judges will meet on June 30, 2012 and will select the team costumes and individual costumes for the final competition to be held at National Order of the Arrow Conference in July/August 2012.

The Lodge/Chapter Adviser will be notified in writing as to whether or not their team costumes and/or individual costumes will move on to the finals at NOAC 2012.

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1. Competitors must follow National BSA Regulations regarding undergarments, wigs, face paint, and footwear. Any team or individual violating these regulations will be disqualified.
2. Footwear, including imitations, must be representative of the region, tribe, and time period of the costume (i.e., no bare feet, no hiking boots, no store brands, and no sneakers or flip flops).
3. All team costumes must represent the same region or tribe and be of the same time period.
4. Most dance costumes are not the same as ceremonial costumes and therefore are unacceptable.
5. The pre-selection application, complete with color photos, is required for eligibility in the competition. However, the Suit Up For Ceremonies Staff and Lead Adviser, in consultation with the designated Conference Vice-Chief, may allow exceptions during the National Order of the Arrow Conference.
6. Costumes are being judged; therefore youths modeling the costumes are not required to be ceremonialists. Each ceremonialist must be younger than 21 years of age.
7. All costumes must be working costumes used in regular lodge ceremonies during the year. Special 'museum or competition' costumes will be disqualified at the discretion of the judges. Personal costumes will be accepted as long as they are used in regular lodge ceremonies.
8. No parts of any plant, animal or bird protected by Federal, State, National BSA regulation, treaty, or law, may be used in the construction of any costume, part of a costume, or costume accessory. No guns can be used as a ceremonial prop or costume accessory. Any team or individual using such items will be disqualified.
9. All ceremonialists must wear their current Order of the Arrow sash and it must be placed on top of any other costume part or accessory.