General Information for Ceremonial Evaluations

Introduction

The goal of the 2012 NOAC Ceremony Evaluations is to improve ceremonial performances and to maximize the quality of the induction experience for the candidate. **Since the purpose of these evaluations is purely educational, there is no need for teams to be highly experienced to participate.** Inexperienced teams should be able to improve significantly from participating in the evaluations. More experienced teams will benefit as well by observing some of the best teams in the country and receiving suggestions from the highly qualified Evaluations Staff. Evaluations will be done for pre-Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil ceremony teams.

Please note that the Ceremony Evaluations are separate from the Competition portion. A team does not have to enter the Competition in order to participate in the Evaluations. However, a team that enters the
Competition but does not participate in the Evaluations process will be disqualified from the Competition.

General Guidelines

The following general guidelines apply to all ceremony evaluations and competitions:
1. All ceremony team members must be from the same lodge. Ceremonialists may perform with only one team per ceremony category. An individual may, however, perform in more than one category (i.e. a ceremonialist may perform on both a pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood team but not on two pre-Ordeal teams).
2. All participants MUST be under 21 years of age on July 30, 2012.
3. For Evaluations lodges can enter as many ceremony teams in each category as they wish pending the availability of evaluators and venue sites. For Competitions lodges may only enter one pre-Ordeal team.
4. In accordance with the policies of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, the use of face and body paint is prohibited at all Ceremony Team Evaluations and Competitions. The use of face or body skin coloring, or wigs in simulation of ethnic traits, is also not permitted. Appropriate undergarments should be worn under costumes.
5. All ceremonial parts should be fully memorized.
6. All participants must wear appropriate American Indian costumes. The American Indian Activities Staff will assist participants by evaluating their costumes and providing feedback. Teams are reminded not to show any disrespect, carelessness, or gross inappropriateness in their American Indian costumes.
7. Extra people such as drummers, candidates and elangomats may be used to enhance a team's performance, but are not required.
8. The ICE Staff will provide markers to indicate the locations of the fire and fire pots in the performance area. A burden will be provided for the Brotherhood Ceremony. No other tokens, props or materials will be provided. Ceremonial teams will have to provide any tokens and additional props they need.
9. Teams are not required to have candidates present for their presentation of the ceremony. However, teams are welcome to provide their own candidates if they feel that will enhance their presentation.

If you have any questions about Evaluations contact ICE Evaluations at ceremonyevals@registration.oa-bsa.org.

Details

For details on the Evaluations process, please see the “NOAC 2012 Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremony Evaluation Details” or the “NOAC 2012 Vigil Ceremony Evaluation Details.”

For details on the Competitions process, please see the “NOAC 2012 Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Competition Details.”

Registration

All ceremony team members should pre-register online at the NOAC registration web site. All ceremony teams must check-in on Monday when their lodge contingent registers at NOAC. While the contingent leader or his representative checks-in, a member of the Ceremony Team will need to confirm each lodge team's schedule, and the name and spelling of each principal at the Inductions and Ceremonial Events (ICE) registration area. Any changes or additions may be made at that time but will slow down your lodge's check-in process. Please make every effort to ensure that all team members are registered properly online. Inductions and Ceremonial Events (ICE) Staff members will be available throughout the on-site registration process to assist your lodge.

Ceremonial teams that do not check-in when their lodge contingent registers may be unable to participate in the Evaluations. Only pre-registered teams will be guaranteed a venue for an Evaluation. Teams that have not pre-registered but would like to participate MUST check-in during their lodge contingent registration on Monday. Teams may register on a first-come, first-served basis, and may be turned away due to space, time, and staffing constraints.

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