



Northwest Multicultural Show 2023

Multicultural Traditional Costume Competition Guidelines

Criteria:

1. The competition is open to individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and cultures.
2. Participants must wear a traditional costume representative of their own or another culture.

Costume Guidelines:

1. Traditional Costume Definition:

- a. A traditional costume refers to clothing that represents the cultural heritage, history, and customs of a specific culture or region.
- b. Participants should ensure that their costumes accurately reflect the traditional attire of the chosen culture.

2. Authenticity:

- a. Participants are encouraged to research and create costumes that are as authentic as possible, respecting the cultural significance and historical accuracy.
- b. The use of traditional fabrics, colours, patterns, accessories, and hairstyles is highly encouraged.
- c. Participants should avoid any offensive or disrespectful representations of cultures.

3. Cultural Appropriation:

Cultural elements should be used with appreciation and respect, rather than for the purpose of mockery or stereotype perpetuation.

Competition Format:

1. Registration:

- a. Participants must register in advance to secure their spot in the competition.

b. Registration forms should include basic participant information, cultural background, and a brief description of the traditional costume.

2. Costume Presentation:

a. Participants will be given a designated time slot to present their traditional costumes on stage or in a designated area.

b. Participants should be prepared to provide a brief explanation of their costume's cultural significance, history, and any unique features.

3. Judging Criteria:

(1) Creativity and Originality: (25%)

- Uniqueness of the costume and concept
- Innovative use of traditional elements
- Attention to detail and overall visual impact

(2) Cultural Representation: (25%)

- Accuracy in representing the chosen culture's traditional costume
- Respectful portrayal of cultural symbols, motifs, and traditions
- Adherence to traditional colour schemes and patterns

(3) Presentation and Stage Presence: (25%)

- Confidence and poise while wearing the costume
- Ability to effectively showcase the costume's features
- Overall stage presence and audience engagement

(4) Overall Judge's Impression: (25%)

- Judges' opinion and overall impression of the costume
- Consideration of the costume's impact beyond the competition
- Judge's perception of the contestant's dedication and effort

4. Winners and Prizes:

a. Winners will be determined based on the judges' scores.

b. Prizes may include certificates, trophies, cultural artifacts, or other relevant rewards.

c. Other than 'Best Traditional Costume Award (Adult)' & 'Best Traditional Costume Award (Child)', there will be a 'People's Choice Award' open to all audience votes.

5. Etiquette and Respect:

1. Participants and spectators should show respect and appreciation for all cultures and costumes presented.
2. Cultural sensitivity and understanding should be maintained throughout the competition.
3. Participants should refrain from making derogatory comments or engaging in any form of discrimination.

Note: These guidelines are subject to modification based on the specific requirements and cultural considerations of the event.