

**2019-2020**  
**Gii-Ishkonigewag Powwow**  
**Royalty Rules & Guidelines**

- **DEADLINE:** Cultural Service Hours must be completed with the application. Application must be turned in by July 13, 2019 for review and accepted by the Royalty Committee.

**Royalty Committee will review all applications to determine the eligibility of the applicant to run as a contestant. The committee will then give a decision within (2) days of the date that the application is received.**

**Eligibility Requirements**

- Age Requirements (provide document)
  - Jr. Brave/ Jr. Princess
    - 5-10 years of age by July 26, 2019
  - Sr. Brave/ Sr. Princess
    - 11-17 years of age by July 26, 2019
- Must be attending/enrolled in school (provide document)
- Must not be a parent or expecting a child
- Drug and alcohol free
- Positive role model
- Must not hold any other title

## **Judging Process**

- **Essay/Public Speaking (2-page minimum) (20 points)**
    - Explain why you want to represent Minisinaakwaang as the 2019-2020 Royalty (One paragraph)
    - Describe how you are actively involved with your community and how you plan to be in the future (One paragraph)
    - Explain why keeping our culture alive is important and how you are actively involved now (One paragraph)
    - Describe your goals, vision and dreams (One paragraph)
  - **Dance (20 points)**
    - Points based on attendance, dance and regalia
    - Contestants must attend all grand entries and royalty dance specials
    - Full regalia must be worn throughout the entire 4 sessions
      - Must be dancing and visible in the arena
    - The only exception to attendance is dangerous/severe weather
- Cultural Service Hours (20 points) (Four hours minimum)**
- Attend and participate at the Maple Sugar Camps
  - Attend the Drum Ceremonies and help with set up and clean up (Pow-wow committee member must sign off on your hours)
  - Any community activity that provides a cultural activity (skirt making, moccasin making, basket making, moccasin making, cooking)

### **○ PARENTS WILL NEED TO ASSIST THE YOUNGER CONTESTANTS**

#### **JUDGE SELECTION**

Judges will be selected randomly by the Arena Director. The judges will be different each round of dancing and a new set of judges for the essay portion. We will do our best to have judges selected based on these criteria:

- Limited personal ties to the contestants
- Immediate family members are not eligible to serve as a judge
- Understanding of the various dance styles

#### **ROYALTY CONTEST SPECIALS**

Contestants will dance in their category for a total of 4 songs on both Friday and Saturday. Must be present for all specials. Absence will result in disqualification. Money cannot be dropped at dancers feet during specials.

#### **POINT SYSTEM**

In each category (essay/public speaking, dance and cultural service) contestants can accumulate up to 20 points with a possible of 60 total. Each judge will give the contestants a score out of 60, sign off on their scores and turn it into the royalty coordinator. The royalty committee will total the scores with two others present to confirm that the scores are correct. Once the winner has been confirmed the committee will prepare for crowning.

## **THE CROWNING**

The royalty committee will be on hand for the crowning. The arena director will line the contestants up facing the emcee. Words of encouragement will be given. Winners will be announced in the following order: Jr. Brave, Jr. Princess, Sr. Brave and Sr. Princess. The previous winners will crown new royalty. An honor song will follow the crowning, in honor of the new royalty. The families of the new royalty will follow them out. D2 Powwow Committee will follow behind the royalty and family. Family, friends and spectators will then get a chance to follow shaking the hands of the new royalty.

## **REIGNING ROYALTY**

### **➤ Travel**

- The District 2 Powwow Committee will provide a \$100 stipend per powwow, 6 times a year, to attend a powwow

### **➤ Requesting Travel Money**

- Royalty must contact the royalty coordinator at least two weeks prior to the powwow they wish to attend. Money will not be provided without the two-week notice. We will attempt to provide monies in a timely matter, may be affected by unforeseen events
- Money may be refused if travel money is low

### **➤ PRINCESS CROWNS**

- Each royalty is responsible for the care and safe keeping of the crowns; proper handling as well as secure storage while in their care. If the crown is lost or stolen it is the responsibility of the title holder to replace the crown.

### **➤ BRAVE ROACHES**

- Each royalty is responsible for the care and safe keeping of the roaches; proper handling as well as secure storage while it is in their care. Braves are authorized to attach their own headband, this must not damage the structure of the roach.

### **➤ SASHES**

- Sashes will be provided each year and are kept at the end of each reign.

➤ **EXPECTATIONS OF REIGNING ROYALTY**

- Drug and alcohol free
  - Abstain from all substance abuse during reign
- Education
  - Shall not drop out of school
  - Shall keep grades at 2.0 (C AVERAGE) or higher
- Personal
  - Must not become a parent
- Respecting differences and the law
  - Show proper respect to all you encounter.
  - Respect other's culture or history
  - Follow the law
  - Discrimination based upon color, religion, sex, ethnicity, age, height, or weight will not be tolerated
- Must remain in regalia through the powwow/ event that you are attending unless it is supper break where you are helping serve elders.

➤ **DONATIONS**

- All donations received for any title of the powwow, must be given to royalty coordinator and will benefit all royalty. When donations are given privately the parent/guardian is obligated to tell the donator that the donation will be used for one person in particular. If this is understood, then it can be used for the purpose it is intended for.
- Families are asked to allow the D2 Powwow Committee to solicit for donations.

➤ **FUNDRAISERS**

- You can fundraise without the involvement of the D2 Powwow Committee, however, you can only use the name of the royalty. You cannot use any other title. No phrase may be used that suggests the D2 Powwow Committee is involved. D2 Powwow Committee members may assist at the private fundraisers, however, they cannot identify themselves as part of the committee.

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Royalty Application 2019-2020**

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Brave \_\_\_\_\_ Princess \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant Information**

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Must provide documentation of proof)

Style of Dance: \_\_\_\_\_

(Only one style can be worn for all songs)

School enrolled in: \_\_\_\_\_

(Must provide document)

Are you a parent or currently expecting a child? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Are you drug and alcohol free? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read the rules and guidelines for the 2019-2020 Gii-Ishkonigewag Powwow Royalty Contest. I understand and agree to follow all rules to remain eligible. I agree that if I am unable to maintain the standards of conduct throughout the contest and, if chosen, my reign, I may lose my eligibility/title. I agree to represent Minisinaakwaang as a positive role model and maintain these standards to the best of my ability.

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Contestant Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature if under 18

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Date

Return this application completed to: **Royalty Committee** Fax: (218)768-3903 or  
Address: 36666 State Hwy McGregor MN, 55760

