

Virsa Punjab Da and Sabrang Radio 3rd Annual Bhangra Flames Competition (Calgary)

Registration package

Dear Registrant,

Thank you for your interest in Bhangra Flames Competition. After the phenomenal success of our past competitions, we look forward to bringing an even better competition this year!

Virsa Punjab Da of Alberta is a non-profit organization in Calgary (Canada) since 2003. We have organized various cultural stage shows in Calgary in last 7 years. In 2008 we decided to organize a Bhangra Competition called "Bhangra Flames Competition". Our competition has gained a lot of success only in 2 years. Teams from the last 2 years have described us as one of the "well organized competitions" in Alberta, Canada and we look forward to living up to that standard again this year.

As being a Bhangra Group ourselves; know what competitors look for in competitions. We promise to bring you fun, very well organized and of course good bhangra competition.

This year's competition will be taking place on Sunday, October 3rd 2010 at Jubilee auditorium in Calgary. The registration form will be due by Sunday, September 12th, 2010. All the selected teams will be notified by September 19th, 2010.

We'll be placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and consolation prize respectively. Winner will be awarded with trophies and cash prizes. However, more important than the prize is that we promise to bring the best, fair and properly organized competition. Our goal is to promote our culture and our love for Bhangra. We believe that this event will help us reach our goal.

If you have any questions or advise, please don't hesitate to email us at virsapunjabda.ab@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Virsa Punjab Da of AB

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Registration Requirements

In order for your team to be eligible for the competition all the following information must be sent in by September 12th, 2010.

Please provide the following:

- Signed and complete registration form.
- Registration Fee: \$200 (non-refundable) payable to Virsa Punjab Da of AB.
- Each team is required to submit digital picture of team along with brief description of the team.
- All teams must send video representation within the last year. Video must be at least 2 minutes long.

Rules & Regulations

All team members are required to sign the affidavit form to ensure that they understand the rules and regulations of the Bhangra Flames Competition.

For Junior Team, coach(s) (over 18) is required to sign the affidavit form taking the responsibility of his/her team (i.e. taking care for any sickness, injury, and theft).

All team members must read and obey the following rules:

1. Registration deadline for teams is Sunday September 12th, 2010.
2. All the selected teams will be notified by September 19th, 2010.
3. For teams in Junior Category, all dancers in the team must be age of 14 years old or younger; everyone must have valid picture ID on the day of the event.
4. In case of team member is added or dropped, the change in team must be submitted at least one week prior to the competition. Anyone joining after the registration form has been submitted must also read & sign the affidavit form.
5. Team requires minimum number of 8, to a maximum of 16 members. This includes Singers, Dancers, and Dholi and Chimta Player.
6. The organizing committee has the right to decline the registration of any team.
7. If a team wishes to drop out of the competition after being accepted, will not be refunded the registration fee.
8. All team members must provide ID (name and DOB) with the registration package.
9. Each team is responsible for its own actions. Any abuse towards organizers, judges or other team member(s) will not be tolerated; hence offending member(s) and his/her team would be forced to leave.
10. Consumption or possession of alcohol and other illegal substances is strictly prohibited at the competition.

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11. In case of tie for the winner, prize will be disturbed between the winning teams.

12. All the teams are entitled to see only their own mark sheets, which can be seen upon request, only day after the show. Please note that the score sheets will not be shown on the day of the show.

Performance Rules

1. Teams may be comprised of males, females or a combination of both.
2. For Senior Category the maximum performance time allowed is 7-8 min. Therefore song can be minimum of 7 min and maximum of 8 min, any variation will be disqualified. The time will start when the music, singer or musical instrument starts.
3. For Junior Category the maximum performance time allowed is 7 minutes. The time will start when the music, singer or musical instrument starts.
4. Music should be mostly Punjabi (95%) and try to capture the essences of traditional Bhangra. Each team is required to present their music (CD format, MP3 is not guaranteed to work) 1 week prior to the event. Each team is required to have an additional copy of their music on the day of the event.
5. The organizers are not responsible for any technical difficulties encountered with any team's music (i.e. CD skipping or scratches)
6. Each team is requested to be on the dance floor according to their rehearsal time on October 3rd, 2010. Any delay will lead to a deduction of points by the judges from the overall score.
7. Maximum of 15 minutes will be given to each team for the stage practice on the day of the show and no team is allowed to watch any other team's stage practice.
8. Please note that there will be no food/drink allowed on stage during practice and on performance time.
9. No individual will be allowed to participate in more than one team. This will result in disqualification of both teams from the competition.
10. Props are allowed on stage, as long they don't represent any kind of violence. No Kirpan or any weapon, filled or empty bottles of alcoholic beverage will be not allowed to display on stage.
11. Lighting request Information:
 - We make no guarantees on lighting requests.
 - We highly recommend keeping your lighting very simple. Keeping lighting simpler will be easy for the judges and audience to see clearly.
 - All the special lighting request and sound requirement (mics) must be sent in by September 24th, 2010.

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Registration Form

Senior Team Junior Team

Team name: _____

Coach's name: _____

Contact person (1): _____ Contact person 2): _____

Address: _____

Town/city: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone (1): () _____ Phone (2): () _____

Email: _____

Type of Dance (check one): Live CD Music Both

Type of Team (check one): All Male All Female Both

Number of participants (Total): _____

Name of all the participants (Minimum of 8 up to max of 16); please indicate Dholi, Singer or Chimta Player beside the name:

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03) _____ 04) _____

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Affidavit:

1) I have read and understand all the rules and regulation of this competition and hereby agree to follow them.

2) I agree not to interfere in the actions of Bhangra Flames (aka Virsa Punjab Da) competition.

3) I agree to all the terms presented in this registration package and understand that I'm legally bound to them.

4) I declare that Bhangra Flames (aka Virsa Punjab Da) is not liable for any injury, damages, or theft (personal belongings or bhangra props) that may occur during this event.

5) Bhangra Flames (aka Virsa Punjab Da) has the right to make video, take pictures of performances and publish them for advertising in future.

6) I understand that the organizers are not responsible for any technical difficulties encountered with any team's music (i.e. CD skipping or scratches).

7) Any damage due to the performance, and or obnoxious/rude behavior will be the liability of the team.

8) I understand that only participants and 2 volunteers will be back stage all the time, any extra person backstage will result in the team disqualification, even after the prize announcement.

9) I understand that only participants and coach will be on stage during the prize announcement, any extra person will result in the team disqualification.

10) I understand that my prize can be taken back by organization, if there is any dispute created by the team or the person related to the team.

11) I understand that all decisions made by the Judges and by the Organizers are final.

For Junior Team, coach(s) (over 18) is required to sign the affidavit form taking the responsibility for his/her team (for the above mentioned points).

All teams must provide digital picture of the team along with 2 mins video of the team and registration fee

Coach's name: _____

Signature: _____

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All team members must read the above affidavit and sign below:

Team Member's Name	Signature	Age
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02) _____

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Registration Checklist

_____ Completed registration form

_____ Registration fee of \$200 payable to Virsa Punjab Da of AB

_____ Brief description of the team

_____ Picture of team

_____ Video representation of the team

Mailing Address

Original forms must be mailed to the following address; picture and video (YouTube link or yousentit.com) can be emailed to the following email address.

Scanned forms can be sent via email to save the spot in competition, but original signed forms must be sent before the competition.

After the completing, please mail the form, along with payment to the following address:

Virsa Punjab Da/Bhangra Flames

216, California Pl. N.E.

Calgary, AB T1Y 6S9

Canada.

Chq is payable to: Virsa Punjab Da of AB

If you have any question please don't hesitate to email at virsapunjabda.ab@gmail.com or call Mandhir Ghatrora at (403) 921-8161, Teji Kullar at (403) 483-4876

Teams coming outside of Calgary

Accommodations can be discussed for the teams coming from outside of Calgary, after the registration.

After team is accepted into the competition:

We'll provide judge's mark sheet to all the teams after the registration and confirmation of the team.

Below are the things that will be required from the team:

- Finalized Music
- Video of Team introduction (no longer 1 minute) to be presented at the show for introduction
- Lighting and sound request

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