

Cascades of Fire International Fireworks Competition Rules

1. Registration

The Competition is open to fireworks teams from around the world. Contestants must complete a Cascades of Fire International Fireworks Competition Team Form and provide photo ID, passport and copies of their valid Firework license.

2. Deadlines

The completed registration form and all required documents must be received by July 30, 2018, 11:59 p.m., local time.

All registration forms received after July 30, 2018, 11:59 p.m., local time will be rejected.

3. Registration

We will invite TWO members of each team to Niagara Falls to assist and supervise the display set-up and to ensure accuracy to the script. The event will take place over 2 weeks in November 2018, November 9, 10, 11 & 16, 17 & 18. We understand that this might be a busy time of year for some companies therefore contestants must indicate their preferred display date upon acceptance of the invitation.

4. Location

The firing location is the International Control Dam, up river from the Canadian Falls at 7400 Niagara Pkwy, Niagara Falls, ON

5. Code of Conduct

Team members are representing their respective countries and therefore must conduct themselves in a polite and professional manner at all times on and off site.

6. Show Installation/Set-up

Installation of each display will be done by local crews under the control of a Supervisor-in-Charge with assistance from the Team's representatives. The Supervisor-in-Charge will report any problems directly to the Technical Director whose decision is final.

7. Theme

The theme of the series is "Once upon a time in..... (competing country)". For example "Once upon a time in Canada". Teams will be judged on synchronization to music, musical selection, crowd reaction, use of product and other parameters. The duration of your display should be in the 16-18 minute range.

8. Product

We will provide each team with a list of product from which they can choose what is needed for their display. Each team must provide a list of the product to be used before August 15, 2018. This will enable us to secure product in good time.

9. Show Script

The final script must be forwarded to the Technical Director by August 24, 2018. Failure to do so will result in the team being replaced. A .csv file, or a file compatible with Finale Fireworks is required.

10. Firing Equipment

The firing equipment will be Pyromate digital system. The number and type of modules in each position is indicated on the site plan.

11. Budget

The budget for each team is up to CDN\$25,000 in fireworks shells.

NOTE: However, teams will be allowed to expand their program by including additional product at their own cost or by sponsorship.

12. Prize Money

Prize money will be awarded as follows:

First Place: \$5,000 Second Place: \$3,000 Other participants (3): \$1,000

The winning team will be invited back to provide the opening display for the 2019 Cascades of Fire.

13. Licensing

In order to handle display fireworks in Canada one must hold a valid Fireworks Operator Certificate. We will obtain a "VISITOR" certificate for your team members. Each team member must provide us with verification of certification/licensing to use display fireworks from your home country as well as a head and shoulders photograph (digital is acceptable). The deadline for this is July 30, 2018.

14. Mortors / Igniters / Pyrotechnics

Please note that we have changed the maximum number of mortars available to each team is as follows: 3" 430 4" 539 5" 199 6" 135

We operate on a one-igniter-per-shell basis. Low level maximum is 963 cues.

We hope to add 7", 8", 10", and 12" shells with the effects and quantities staying the same for each team.

Comet/candle racks will be built as required.

15. Site Plan

See below for a basic site plan.

16. On-site Access During Show

Only TWO persons are allowed at the firing site during the display. The local supervisor for the team, and ONE of the visiting team members.

17. Post-show

The mortars must not be approached until 30 minutes after the display at which time the local supervisor and the visiting team representative will check the mortars for unfired items, remove them, and when safe to do so, give the "all clear" to the Technical Director or his designate.

18. Judging/Evaluation

During the Cascades of Fire International Fireworks Competition, performances will be evaluated by a team of judges. The scoring sheets will be passed to the non-voting Jury Chairperson who will retain the scoring IN CONFIDENCE until after the final performance. The Jury Chairperson, together with the jury members, will then tally the total points scored and determine the First, Second and Third place teams. Please note that the awards will be presented by the Mayor of Niagara Falls at the closing ceremony now scheduled for Sunday, November 18, 2018.

The decision of the judging panel is final and teams will be rated as follows:

- a. Theme and choice of music 20 points
- b. Creativity 20 points
- c. Selection of effects and use within the display 20 points
- d. Synchronization to the music selection 20 points
- e. Crowd reaction and appreciation 20 points

19. Expenses

Air fares, transportation, accommodations and food will be provided to these team members.

20. Awards Ceremony

If, due to their own commitments, team members are unable to remain for the awards ceremony it would be appreciated if they could nominate a person to act on their behalf at the ceremony.

21. Cancellation

Candidates who wish to withdraw from the Competition must notify the Technical Director as soon as possible.

22. Disqualification

Candidates who do not comply with these rules are disqualified.

Providing false information will result in the disqualification of the candidate.

23. Other

Any situations not covered by these rules are referred to the Technical Director, whose decisions on such matters are final.