

## 2009 Potomac Celtic Festival Policies

1. All aspects of the Potomac Celtic Festival (PCF) must relate to the cultures of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall, the Isle of Man, Brittany, Galicia, Asturias and their evolution in North America, and must be verifiable through documentation.
2. Items relating to non-Celtic elements of the "New Age" movement, or any religion, are discouraged. These include, but are not limited to:
  - Native American elements.
  - Unadorned religious symbols e.g. pentacles, crosses, etc. (unless they are included in a Celtic design).
  - Palm reading, Tarot cards, astrology.
  - Discussions of ley lines, extraterrestrial activities, magic and mysticism that have not been recognized as valid elements of Celtic culture.
2. No swords or weapons used for warfare larger than 6" may be sold in the craft market or vendor area.
4. The wearing or carrying of any weapon (sword, knife or gun), at the PC Festival is subject to the following restrictions:
  - Weapons intrinsic to national costumes relevant to Celtic History (e.g. Scottish 'Sgian Dubh') may be worn as part of the costume, but not drawn or flourished.
  - Weapons worn by patrons in garb or costume will be peace tied at the front gate.
  - Weapons demonstrations, maneuvers and simulated combat may only occur in historical re-enactment areas (Living History) or other designated areas as determined by Festival Staff; but no actual fighting may take place.
5. Any applicant or participant who threatens legal action against the Potomac Celtic Alliance, Inc. (PCA), or any member thereof, for any reason whatsoever, will be presumed to have disqualified themselves from participation in any PCA activity.
6. Dogs will be allowed in the festival subject to the following:
  - All dogs will be current on Rabies vaccination (per Virginia or state of origin law) and have documentation of same (valid Rabies certificate or current tag).
  - All dogs will be kept on a 6 foot (or shorter) leash during Festival hours. No retractable leashes will be permitted. Loose dogs are in violation of county ordinance.
  - All handlers will pick up after their dogs.
  - The PCF, as represented by the Site Manager or the Operations manager, reserves the right to evict or have evicted any dog that management deems to be dangerous or annoying to patrons, staff or other participants. PCF management also reserves the right to have removed any dog that appears to be at risk from a health concern.

7. The sale of any product made from animals that have been inhumanely destroyed will not be tolerated.
8. Safety and operational concerns require restricting vehicular access to the festival site, therefore, absolutely no one will be permitted to operate a motor vehicle on site during Festival hours, nor expect staff members to assist an un-authorized departure (unless in the case of confirmed emergency). Only specifically authorized vehicles may remain on site during Festival hours.
9. The location of any tent, booth, stage or demonstration area cannot be changed without the express permission of the Site Manager or Operations manager.
10. All entertainment must be rooted in Celtic tradition. Elements from other cultures introduced to enhance a performance are acceptable only to the extent that the entertainment remains primarily and essentially Celtic.

All participants are expected to be familiar with the current Festival Policies. All those who are unable to comply with these policies need not apply. Policy violations may result in participants being asked to leave and may affect participation in future Festivals.

**A signed application is confirmation that you have read and understood the above policies. Your signature means that you, and all participants for whom you are responsible, will conform to said policies.**