

15th ANNUAL
**PACIFIC JUNIOR FIRE KNIFE DANCE
COMPETITION 2007**

RULES and Criteria

The criteria listed below are written for all the Pacific Junior Fire Knife Competitors who are invited to participate in the 2007 competition. It is to consistently educate and maintain the integrity, quality and a high level of performance. We hope it will also enhance their cultural knowledge and understanding of the origin of the weapon, the ceremony for which the dance was derived, the style, and the fundamentals of the Samoan “ailao” (dance) as they prepare to enter the WFK championship level.

RULES:

1. All registration forms must be completed and turned in to PCC Special Events office, attention: Tali Galeai. Polynesian Cultural Center 55-370 Kamehameha Hwy, Laie, HI 96762 no later than April 16, 2007. Failing to comply may forfeit participation.
2. All applicants must observe all tournament rules and other PCC procedures.
3. All competitors must sign in on May 16 anytime before 6:00pm at a table by the reservation.
4. A briefing for all competitors will begin at 6:00pm in the Samoan fale. For further information, please call 293-3002 and ask for Tali or Julie.
5. All costumes or uniforms must be in accordance with PCC standards, and approved by the tournament coordinator.
6. Each competitor must have three Samoan dancing knives to participate.
7. All three knives must have hooks.
8. The metal blade of the double knife should be no less than 12.5” long from hook to handle. Total length for doubles should be no less than 33” long.
9. The metal blade for the single knife should be no less than 13.5” long. Total length for the single knife should be no less than 35” long.
10. The size of the fire for the single knife should be no less than 9” x 1.5”.
11. The size of the fire of the double knives should be no less than 7” x 1.5”.
12. All competitors are ask to install new fire boards and make sure wires are fasten tightly 1 hour before tournament begins.
13. For every drop, a penalty of 3 points maximum will be deducted from the total score (the knife is considered a drop when the knife hits the floor and completely out of your hand/s).
14. Knife inspection will take place 30 minutes before each night of competition. Any changing of knife after measuring will cause complete disqualification from the tournament.

15. Fuel for competitions, knife thrower, and drummers will be provided by PCC only.
16. The winner will be invited to defend his title the following year. However, if he is the winner for a second consecutive year, he will then sit out one year and not compete. After the bi year, he will be eligible and invited back to compete.
19. Each registered competitor will receive one pass and one for a guest. The pass will allow them admission to PCC and all festival activities from May 16-18. These passes do not include meals or admission to the night show. However, dinners and night show tickets may be upgraded only at the box office at a cost and upon availability.
17. Knife routine should consist of:
 1. 8 stand up motions
 2. 5 kneeling moves
 3. 5 lying moves
 4. 3 double knife hooked motions
 5. Entrance and exits to be exciting
18. Costumes:
 1. Samoan printed lavalava (FYI – event colors are black, red, orange, and yellow).
 2. Necklace or lei of leaves, flowers, tusk, beads or shells.
 3. War paint
 4. Tauvae or anklets
 5. Headband

BASIC MOVES REQUIRED:

1. Must vili tasi (One hand spin)
2. Must vililua (Two hand spin)
3. Must kakai with the left and the right. Kakai in and kakai out and over the palm (Over hand connection move).
4. Must toss up and catch in the back.
5. Must toss in the air 2.5 times and catch behind the back (Height)
6. Must do under the legs motions
7. Must do around the neck motion
8. Must do around the angle and catch under the leg motions
9. Feet stamping and body movement required
10. Head and upper body movements (express strength and energy)
11. Stage showmanship (Portraying a warrior)

JUDGE'S SCORING CRITERIAS

1. Height of throws (double your height or higher)
2. Difficulty of motions (blind double and notions hard to keep knife from falling)
3. Speed of actions(synchronizing to drumming and maintain)
4. Vigor and energetic, Samoan warrior's moves (Portraying a fighting warrior)
5. Drops (A maximum of three (3) points deducted for every drop)

Please go over the rules and criteria to fully prepare yourself for this tournament.

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