



KITE MAKERS COMPETITION RULES

The National Cherry Blossom Festival (NCF) welcomes you to the Blossom Kite Festival Kite Makers Competition. As a registered competitor, you agree to follow these rules (Rules).

You will:

1. Complete a Registration form.
2. Enter only one kite into the Competition. You must have made your kite and you must fly your own kite. Adult Kite makers are not permitted to enter kites that have been assembled from a kit or purchased. Youth competitors may enter kites that have been assembled from a kit or but may not enter kites that have been purchased. You may not enter kites or copies of kites that have won previous competitions.
3. Wear appropriate protective clothing and footwear.
4. Be on the competition field (Competition Field) at your appointed heat time, or notify a Competition judge (Judge) if you are unable to compete when scheduled. Judges may disqualify you if they cannot reschedule you or if your delay affects the overall Competition schedule.
5. Fly your kite a minimum altitude of 100 feet for at least five minutes to be eligible for a Competition award.
6. Stay within the Competition Field during the Competition.
7. Follow all instructions of the Judges, Announcer, and Field Staff.
8. Remove your Kite and line promptly from the Competition Field after you are finished competing.
9. Ask for a Judge's permission to repair your kite during the Competition.
10. File, if you feel that you have been improperly treated, a written protest to the Head Judge promptly after the incident that gives rise to the protest. Your protest must be specific and must not disrupt the Competition in process. You will accept as final the Head Judge's decision on your protest.
11. Remain responsible for your own person and equipment before, during and after the Competition. You release NCF, its officers, directors, employees,

successors in interest and affiliated entities from any liability for loss or damage related to the Competition.

12. Not a) intentionally come into physical contact with opposing fliers, kites, or lines; b) disrupt the Competition; c) intentionally or unintentionally threaten the safety of other contestants or spectators; or d) seek to influence the judges. The Judges may disqualify you for these infractions or if they believe that you are being unsafe or unsportsmanlike.

13. Acknowledge that Judges:

a. Will judge kites on factors that may include, among other things, kite flight and handling, aesthetic visual appeal, originality, craftsmanship, and structural kite design, and award 1) first, second and third place in the Youth (11 & Under) and Youth (12 - 15) Kite Makers categories; 2) Grand Prize in the Adult Kite Makers category, 3) Theme Award in the Adult Kite Makers category, and 4) other prizes as announced before or at the Festival.

b. May suspend Competition based on wind conditions and safety considerations.

c. Have the final decision in any disputes or awards.

14. Indemnify and defend NCF, its officers, directors, employees, successors in interest, and affiliated entities and Judges (each an Indemnified Party) from and against any and all liabilities, losses, damages, claims, and expenses, including reasonable legal fees, that may be incurred or suffered by one or more Indemnified Parties and arising out of third party claims related to your obligations under these Rules, or your breach of the Rules, unless such liability, loss, damage, claim or expense is attributable to the Indemnified Party's gross negligence or willful misconduct.