



KITE MAKERS' COMPETITION RULES

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

YOU WILL:

- 1. Provide to NCBF a completed a Competition registration form indicating whether you are:**
 - Youth 1 (ages 1 - 11)
 - Youth 2 (ages 12 – 15)
 - Adult (ages 16 and above)
 - Group.

- 2. Enter *only one kite, a kite that you made, can enter the Competition.***

- 3. Fly *only a kite that you made.*** If you are entering as a Group, the Group member who flies the Group’s kite must have helped make the Group’s kite.

- 4. These kites are *not permitted to enter the competitions:***
 - A kite or a copy of a kite that has won previous competitions at the Blossom Kite Festival or the Smithsonian Kite Festival.
 - For Adult competitors, a kite that was assembled from a kit or purchased.
 - For Youth competitors, a kite that was purchased or built by an adult.
 - For Group competitors, a kite that was purchased or built by an adult.
 - The Winner of last year’s Grand Prize is not eligible for this year’s prizes.

- 5. Wear appropriate protective clothing and footwear.**

- 6. Be at your scheduled competition field (“Field”) at your appointed fly 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.**

- 7. Fly your kite a *minimum altitude of 100 feet for at least five minutes, staying within the Field during that time, to be eligible for the competition.***

8. Follow Judge, Announcer, and Field Staff instructions.

9. Remove your Kite and line promptly from the Field after you finish competing.

10. Ask for a Judge's permission before you repair your kite during competition.

11. 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.

12. Remain responsible for your own person and equipment before, during and after the Competition. You release NCBF, its officers, directors, employees, successors in interest and affiliates, and all Judges and Competition volunteers from any liability for loss or damage related to the Competition.

13. Not:

- a. Disrupt the Competition.
- b. Intentionally or unintentionally threaten the safety of other competitors, kites, lines, or spectators; or
- c. Seek to influence Judges. Judges may disqualify you for these infractions or if they believe that your actions are unsafe or unsportsmanlike.

14. Acknowledge that Judges:

- a. May suspend the Competition for any reason.
- b. Will have the final decision in any disputes or awards.
- c. Will judge kites based on, among other things, kite flight and handling, aesthetic visual appeal, originality, craftsmanship and structural kite design; and
- d. Will award:
 - First, second, and third place for Youth 1 (Ages 11 and under)
 - First, second, and third place for Youth 2 (Ages 12-15)
 - Theme Award for Adults
 - Grand Prize for Adults (last year's Grand Prize winner is not eligible for this year's Grand Prize competing with last year's kite design), and
 - Other prizes as announced before or at the Competition.

15. Indemnify and defend NCBF, its officers, directors, employees, successors in interest and affiliates, and all Judges and Competition volunteers (each an "Indemnified Party") from and against any and all liabilities, losses, damages, claims, and expenses, that may be incurred or suffered by an Indemnified Party arising out of third party claims related to your obligations under these Rules or your breach of the

Rules, unless that liability, loss, damage, claim or expense is attributable to the Indemnified Party's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

