

THE 2007 WSIKF/NAFKA FIGHTER KITE CHALLENGE

This is a fun spirited competition for all fighter kite flyers that are relatively new to fighter kite flying. The competition consists of five separate flying challenges; each providing contestants the opportunity to have fun, learn and earn points that will accumulate to win awards and ribbons.

At the end of the final challenge, each contestant's score will be tallied and the 3 contestants with the highest scores will be identified as the top flyers and will receive ribbons.

CHALLENGE ONE – 0, 7, or 15 points

There is a rope on the sand. After launching and flying your kite, the judge will ask you to fly your kite above the area **ONLY** on the **RIGHT** side of the rope for 10 seconds without allowing your kite to pass over the rope and fly in the area to the left of the rope; accomplishing this will earn **7 points**. At the end of 10 seconds the judge will ask you to fly your kite **ONLY** on the **LEFT** of the rope for 10 seconds. Accomplishing this part of the challenge will earn you **8 points**. If your kite touches the ground during any of this challenge, you will be finished with this challenge at that point and you will keep whatever points you earned at the time of grounding your kite.

CHALLENGE TWO – 0, 6 or 10 points

There are 2 rope circles on the beach. After launching and flying your kite, the judge will ask you to land your kite in one of the circles of your choice. Landing your kite in the circle to your **RIGHT** will earn **6 points**; landing your kite in the circle to your **LEFT** will earn **10 points**. Landing your kite outside of both circles earns zero points.

CHALLENGE THREE – 0, 6 or 12 points

After launching and flying your kite, the judge will ask you to fly your kite beyond the rope on the right and make your kite spin at least 4 times in succession; accomplishing this will earn **6 POINTS**. Then the judge will ask you to fly your kite beyond the rope on the left and make your kite spin at least 4 times in succession; accomplishing this will earn **6 POINTS**. If your kite touches the ground during any of this challenge, you will be finished with this challenge at that point and you will keep whatever points you earned at the time of grounding your kite.

CHALLENGE FOUR – 0, 7 points

There is a 7' tall plastic pole stuck in the sand. After you launch and fly your kite for a few seconds, the judge will ask you to touch or hit the pole with your kite or your flying line within the **2 minute maximum limit**. Accomplishing this will earn you **7 points**. If your kite touches the ground or your time exceeds 2 minutes before accomplishing this, your score for this challenge is zero.

CHALLENGE FIVE – 0, 8 or 14 points

There are 2 poles near the flying area with a mylar ribbon connecting the tops of the poles. Align your kite so your flying line is between the 2 poles. When judge says 'go', launch your kite and as quickly as you can, retrieve flying line until your flying line touches the mylar ribbon tied to the tops of the poles. You will be timed. You must keep your feet forward of the 'FOOT LINE'. If you step back of the 'foot line' your or if your kite touches the ground before your kite line touches the ribbon, your score for this challenge is zero. If your time is 3 seconds or less, you score **14 points**. If your time is more than 3 seconds, you score **8 points**.

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