

International Fireknife Competition SIVA AFI TAHITI 2024
"GROUPE" Internal Regulations

Open to Polynesian and international competitors.

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At the InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa

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PACIFIC EVENT WORLD, under the direction of Tumata Vairaroa, is proud to present **SIVA AFI TAHITI**, an organization dedicated to promoting and developing fire dance in Polynesia. We also support fire dancers who wish to represent French Polynesia on the international stage. This year marks a major milestone with the launch of the inaugural **International Fire Knife Competition SIVA AFI TAHITI 2024**.

This fire knife dance competition, open to everyone from the age of 5, will be held on Saturday, **November 30, 2024**, in the beautiful gardens of the **InterContinental Tahiti Resort & Spa**. Participants wishing to compete in **SIVA AFI TAHITI 2024** must strictly adhere to the event's rules and regulations.

The International Fire Knife Championship - Siva Afi Tahiti 2024 is open to all, regardless of nationality, provided that participants meet the selection criteria.

1. REGISTRATION TERMS and CANDIDATE PERFORMANCE:

Eligibility:

- **Group Category:** The Group category is open to participants from the age of 10. Groups must consist of at least 3 people, with no upper limit on the number of participants. Groups can be composed of boys, girls, or mixed participants, and there are no restrictions regarding age differences or similarities between members.
- **Nationality:** Participants must be of the same nationality.
- **Participant Competition:** Minor and adult competitors can compete together in the defined categories, regardless of gender.
- **Multiple Participation:** Competitors registered in the group category may also compete in the solo category.
- **Use of Fire Sticks and Knives:** Only fire sticks and fire knives are permitted in this category.
- **Bonus for Using Fire Knives:** The use of real fire knives during the performance is encouraged and will allow candidates to earn additional points.
- **Performance Duration:** Each performance must last between 4 and 6 minutes.

- **Performance Requirements with Sticks:** All participants must present two distinct types of performances: first with one fire stick or knife, and then with two sticks or two fire knives.
- **Minimum Number of Participants Required:** To activate this category, there must be a minimum of 3 registered participants.
- **Registration Fee:** 5 000 XPF.

Registration Deadline :

- **Online Registration:** All participants must register via the official SIVA AFI TAHITI website before October 31, 2024, at 00:00.
- **Regulation Forms:** Forms must be signed by adult competitors or, for minors, by a legal guardian, on the day of the draw for their performance number.

Mandatory Information Meeting : All competitors must attend the orientation meeting, where they will be informed via email, including a reminder of the internal regulations, safety rules, and the evening's schedule.

Registration and Access to the Competition : On the event day, competitors must report to the registration desk located at the entrance of Motu Nui of the Intercontinental to collect their numbers and receive their event passes before proceeding to their assigned dressing rooms. All appointment times for each competitor will be sent by email.

Backstage Access : Only competitors are allowed backstage. No other persons are admitted backstage unless with prior authorization from the organizer, in which case an official access PASS will be issued.

All competitors must dance to the percussionists provided for the event. Only knife throwers approved by the organizer will throw knives to the competitors (as per each competitor's request and need).

2. FIRE KNIVES :

- **Number and Types of Knives Required :** Each competitor must have three dance knives to participate in the competition. This includes one single knife and two "double" knives, as well as additional knives in case of breakage. It is essential to have these spare equipment to ensure the continuity of the performance in case of an incident.
- **Materials of Knives :** All knives must be made of hard metal with a wooden handle. Alternatively, the handle can be made of metal or wood, but the use of hard metal is mandatory to prevent potential accidents and ensure the safety of all participants.

- **Dimensions of Knives** : The length of the single knife must be at least 37 inches (93.98 cm). This measurement should be taken from the tip of the hook to the end of the handle.
- **Hook Design** : Knives must be equipped with hooks large enough to interlock with each other, in accordance with the competition criteria. The hooks must also be able to release in all directions when connected.
- **Weight of Knives** : The choice of the weight of the knives is left to the discretion of each warrior.
- **Prohibition of Sharing Knives** : Competitors are not allowed to borrow another warrior's knife during the competition. Any violation of this rule may result in the disqualification of both involved competitors.
- **Knife Compliance** : Any knife that does not meet the specified standards may result in a point penalty or disqualification of the participant by the judges.
- **Preparation for Fire Incidents** : Each warrior must have a damp towel (but not soaked) to extinguish the fire in case of an emergency. This is part of the mandatory safety measures to ensure the protection of all participants and the audience.

Special Effects Regulations :

Warriors are not allowed to use special effects without first consulting and obtaining approval from the event organizer. Unauthorized special effects and assistance from another person will not be considered in the performance. Points will only be awarded from the moment the artist starts their performance, without considering external elements or additional aids.

3. COSTUMES :

- **Polynesian Printed Lava-lava** : All competitors must wear a Polynesian printed lava-lava. This garment must be appropriately fitted and modestly cut, reflecting respect for traditions and cultural values. Costumes that are suggestive, too short, or too small will not be allowed. Final approval of costumes will be made by the head judge or the event organizer.
- **Polynesian Necklace** : Warriors must wear a necklace made from authentically Polynesian materials, such as shells, leaves, pearls, or other traditional elements. The use of foreign materials is strictly prohibited.
- **Facial War Paint** : The application of facial war paint is mandatory for all competitors.
- **Pale (Head Crown)** : A "pale," or head crown, must be worn by each competitor. This crown, made of leaves, flowers, shells, or other natural Polynesian materials, is a mandatory element of the costume.

These costume requirements aim to honor Polynesian traditions and maintain a high level of cultural respect within the competition.

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA :

- **Choreography:** Evaluation of the originality and fluidity of movements, as well as synchronization with the music and innovation in dance sequences and the use of the fire knife.
- **Technical Mastery:** Assessment of the precision of movements, control, and skill in handling the fire knife, as well as the technical complexity of the executed figures.
- **Commitment:** Measurement of the energy expended, the dynamism of the performance, and the ability to convey powerful emotions to the audience.
- **Artistic Expression:** Appreciation of the overall beauty of the performance, including the visual quality of movements and costumes, and how these elements enhance the artistic impact.
- **Symbiosis Between Artists:** Analysis of the harmony and coordination among group members, as well as their ability to work together in a fluid and coherent manner.

5. ADHERENCE TO REGULATIONS:

Competitor Behavior and Sportsmanship: Consumption of alcohol or drugs is strictly prohibited for all competitors and their supporters from the start to the end of the awards ceremony. Smoking/vaping is limited to designated areas. Competitors are required to maintain sportsmanship behavior throughout the competition and during the announcement of results.

Judging Criteria and Sportsmanship: In case of a tie between two or more competitors in a division, the scores from the Head Judge will be used to break the tie.

6. REGULATION VALIDATION :

By validating my registration for the fire knife dance event, I confirm that I have read and understood the rules and regulations. I commit to adhering to the organizers' guidelines and am aware of the associated risks. I understand that corrective measures may be applied in case of rule violations, and I release the organizers from any liability for damages.

Liability for Loss or Damage : I waive any responsibility of the organizer regarding loss or damage to my personal belongings or those of my child, as well as any injury or incident affecting my child during the event.

Liability for Damage Caused : I agree to take full responsibility for any bodily or material damage caused by myself or my child to event staff or host facilities.

Media Release : I authorize the organizer and its sponsors to use and broadcast, free of charge, any photos or videos of myself or my child taken during the event for promotional purposes.

Insurance and Certification : I certify that I have adequate insurance covering risks related to fire dance and that this insurance is valid for the duration of the event.

Compliance with Safety Standards : I commit to adhering to all current safety standards for fire knife dancing, including required equipment, protective measures, and emergency procedures.

Commitment to Ethical Conduct : I commit to following ethical conduct rules and maintaining respectful behavior towards other participants, organizers, and the public during the event.

Commitment to Adherence to Schedules : I commit to respecting the schedules set for rehearsals, performances, and all other event-related activities, and to inform the organizers in case of any changes or delays.

Consent to Verification : I consent to the verification of my identity and qualifications by the organizers, as well as the compliance of my equipment with established safety standards for the event.

I declare that I have read and accept the competition regulations developed by the organizer at the time of my registration.

Furthermore, I certify that my child (if applicable) is medically fit to participate in fire dancing and has no contraindications to this practice.

