

**International Fireknife Competition SIVA AFI TAHITI - 2024**  
**"DUO" Internal Regulations**

Open to Polynesian and international competitors.

Saturday, November 30, 2024

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 AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS :**

**Eligibility :**

- **Duo Category** : Open to participants from 10 years old. Duos can be composed of boys, girls, or mixed participants, with varying or similar ages.
- **Nationality** : Participants must be of the same nationality.
- **Participant Competition** : Both minor and adult competitors may compete together in the defined categories, regardless of gender.
- **Multiple Participation** : Competitors registered in the duo category may also compete in the solo category.
- **Fire Sticks and Knives Allowed** : Only fire sticks and fire knives are allowed in this category.
- **Bonus for Using Fire Knives** : Using 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 a single fire stick or knife, then with two fire sticks or two fire knives.

- **Minimum Number of Participants Required :** A minimum of 3 registered participants is required to activate this category.
- **Registration Fee :** 3500 XPF.

#### **Registration Deadline :**

- **Online Registration:** All participants must register via the official SIVA AFI TAHITI website by 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 drawing of their performance number.

**Mandatory Information Meeting :** All competitors must attend the orientation meeting, which will be communicated via email, where the event's internal regulations, safety rules, and the evening's schedule will be reviewed.

**Registration and Access to the Competition :** On the event day, competitors must check in at the registration desk, located at the entrance of the Motu Nui at 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 via email.

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

All competitors must perform to the event's percussionists. Only organizers-approved knife throwers will throw knives to competitors (according to each competitor's request and need).

## **2. FIRE KNIVES :**

**Number and Types of Knives Required :** Each competitor must possess 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 continuity of performance in the event of an incident.

**Materials of the 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.

**Knife Dimensions :** 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** : The knives must be equipped with hooks large enough to interlock with each other, according to the competition criteria. The hooks must also be able to release in all directions when connected.

**Weight of the Knives** : The choice of the weight of the knives is left to the discretion of each warrior.

**No Sharing of Knives** : Competitors are not allowed to borrow another warrior's knife during the competition. Any violation of this rule may result in disqualification of both involved competitors.

**Compliance of Knives** : Any knife that does not meet the specified standards may result in a penalty of points or disqualification of the participant by the judges.

**Fire Incident Preparedness** : Each warrior must have a damp towel (but not soaked with water) to extinguish fire in case of 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 the assistance of another person will not be considered in the performance. Points will only be awarded from the moment the artist begins their performance, not taking into account 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 cut modestly, 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, beads, or other traditional elements. The use of foreign materials is strictly prohibited.

**Face War Paint** : The application of face 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 dress code requirements aim to honor Polynesian traditions and maintain a high level of cultural respect within the competition.*

#### 4. EVALUATION CRITERIA :

**Choreography** : Assessment of originality and fluidity of movements, as well as synchronization with the music and innovation in dance sequences and use of the fire knife.

**Technical Mastery** : Judgment on 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, dynamism of the performance, and 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 Performers** : Analysis of the harmony and coordination between duo members, as well as their ability to work together smoothly and coherently, both in movements and artistic expression.

#### 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.

