

Rules for the Handmade Knife Competition

The following rules are in effect for the 2012 Oregon Knife Show Handmade Knife Competition. Any violation of these rules will make the knife and the maker ineligible for awards. Any infraction identified after the awarding will result in forfeiture of the award.

The categories for the custom knife competition are : **ART KNIFE - BOWIE KNIFE - DAMASCUS - FIGHTING KNIFE - FOLDING KNIFE - HAND FORGED - HUNTER/UTILITY - MINIATURE - NEW MAKER**

- 1) Knives can be submitted and accepted only from table holders at the 2012 OKCA Show. The exception is the New Maker category which can be entered by any OKCA member. A "New Maker" is one who has never entered any competition, anywhere, ever.
- 2) The maker must personally submit the knife and identify himself as the maker of the submitted knife.
- 3) The Oregon Knife Collectors shall not be held liable in any way for the submitted knife after it has been turned over to the Oregon Knife Collectors Association.
- 4) If there is a question by the judges as to the class/division/category into which the knife is submitted for judging, that knife may be ineligible for that class/division/category. The judges, at their discretion, may change that knife to a more suitable category.
- 5) The submitted knife must have been made after April 15, 2011 and never previously received an award to be eligible for competition, .
- 6) Knives submitted will have their marks covered and will be numbered. Cover material will be provided if you do not have any. **You will be asked to cover your mark on your own knife. This must be done before you submit it for judging.**
- 7) Awards will be announced Friday afternoon about 5 P.M. - Winners knives will be kept for display until 6:00 P.M. All other knives will be returned after judging is completed. The winners will also be announced at the Saturday Nite Social.
- 8) The submitted knives must be 88% made by the knifemaker who submits the knife for judging. Disclosure of the other 12% must be noted.
- 9) Damascus knives can be placed in any category except hand forged. Hand forged knives can be placed in any category except Damascus. A knife can only be entered into one category.
- 10) Knives for the **Custom Knife Competition** will be accepted in **Meeting Room #3** during the hours of **2 P.M. to 4 P.M. Friday - April 13, 2012**. The cut off time will be **4 P.M. sharp**.

It will be the responsibility of the knifemaker to abide by these rules. The Show Chairman shall be the absolute decision maker on any conflicts or questions, should it become necessary.