

All About the Bay Area Sport Kite League



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Our Mission:

The Bay Area Sport Kite League (BASKL) was founded in 1995 to provide sport kite competition opportunities to the San Francisco Bay Area. BASKL events are low-cost, no-frills festival, which are 100% volunteer-based. Donations, sponsors and other fundraising pay for the bulk of expenses.

While sport kites continue to be the league's primary focus, BASKL has branched out beyond just sport kites to include fighter kite, kite making and indoor competition, as well as kiting seminars.

The Bay Area Sport Kite League is proud to be an American Kiteflies Association (AKA) affiliated club. You can find out more about the AKA at www.aka.kite.org.

Our Activities:

Monthly Competitions - BASKL runs monthly competitions, which include sport kite, fighter kite and kite making competition, from March through August at various parks throughout the greater Bay Area. Usually events are the third weekend of the month, but park availability and other factors may necessitate a different date.

Berkeley Kite Festival – this international festival is the largest kite festival in

California and one of the most comprehensive kite festivals in the world. BASKL is proud to be the organizer of the West Coast Kite Championships as part of this festival for our July event.

Golden Gate Challenge – the Saturday before Labor Day, BASKL teams up with the Northern California Kite Club to help them organize this great festival on Ocean Beach in San Francisco for our August competition (but it's really in early September most of the time).

Indoor competition - was added to the BASKL schedule in 2002, and BASKL is targeting to have a February and November indoor event each year.

BASKL Seminar - which is usually in February, has been part of the schedule since 1997. The topics have covered sport kite rules, judging, ballet choreography, fighter kite making and miniature kite making.

San Ramon Art and Wind Fest - BASKL supports the Northern California Kite Club at the San Ramon Art & Wind Fest in May. This festival, while not having competition, is a good time for all, and demonstrates the different aspects of kiting for a great crowd.

BASKL Picnic - our yearly award ceremony and annual meeting. Held in

mid-September at which we present league trophies and elect new officers; all while eating great BBQ.

Our event schedule is posted on our website as it becomes available (www.baskl.org), so check the website frequently!

Our Competitions:

BASKL runs the following kite disciplines at its outdoor events:

- Individual Dual-line Ballet for Novice, Experienced and Masters classes
- Individual Dual-line Precision for Novice, Experienced and Masters classes
- Individual Multi-line Ballet for Experienced and Masters classes
- Individual Multi-line Precision for Experienced and Masters classes
- Pairs Dual-line Ballet for Experienced and Masters Classes
- Pairs Dual-line Precision for Experienced and Masters Classes
- Open Fighter Kite Line-Touch
- Open Kite Making

All of these disciplines earn BASKL League points. In addition, BASKL sanctions all its competitions with the AKA. All sport kite, fighter kite and kite making results are reported to the AKA. BASKL sport kite disciplines earn AKA Conference points for competitors who are

working toward an invite to the AKA Grand Nationals. BASKL will also run any AKA sanctioned sport kite discipline upon request. While these additional disciplines do not earn BASKL league points, they are reported to the AKA for conference points.

How To Get Involved:

- Show up at our events.
- Buy raffle tickets, donate a raffle item or just make a cash donation to help with league expenses.
- Volunteer! BASKL is an all-volunteer organization. We have volunteer activities which anyone can help with; even if you are new to kiting.
- If you would like to compete, join the American Kitefliers Association (AKA). With event sanctioning from the AKA, BASKL receives event insurance. To support the AKA, BASKL requires all its participants to be AKA members. Go to www.aka.kite.org or just ask for an application at our events. Also you need to pay a small registration fee at each event.
- Check our website (www.baskl.org) regularly.

For Our Schedule:

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